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My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Committee of the Houſe of Commons, appointed in the Year 1758, to enquire into the State of the Linen Trade of this Kingdom, went minutely through the Accounts of the Linen Board, from the Year 1737 to the Year 1757; and alſo examined ſeveral Witneſſes relative to the General State of the Manufactures. Their Proceedings were reported to the Houſe, and ordered to be printed.

It does not appear that any further Parliamentary Enquiry was made until the Year 1772, when a Committee of the Houſe examined the Accounts of the Truſtees, from the Year 1757 to the Year 1772.

No Enquiry was made afterwards, until the Year 1782, when a Committee of the Houſe re-examined the ſame Period from 1757, and carried their Examination down to the 25th March, 1781. Their Report was likewiſe printed.

The Right Hon. John Foster who was Chairman of the laſt mentioned Committee, had previouſly as a Truſtee (having been appointed in 1780) examined the Accounts, and his Report of them to the Board was of great Uſe to the Committee.

These Reports complete the Examination from the Year 1737, and they are publiſhed at large in the Commons Journals. See Vols. X. XV. and XX.

Since

SINCE that Time I have minutely examined your Journals, from the firſt Eſtabliſhment of the Board to the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty-ſeven; and have, at the Inſtance of Mr. FOSTER, made an accurate State of the Accounts to that Period, ſo as to complete the whole State of Receipts and Payments from the firſt Inſtitution to the 25th of March, 1783.

IN the Courſe of this Examination, I found many Paſſages in thoſe Journals worthy of Remark, and ſeveral Facts which I thought might ſerve as *Precedents* in future. I accordingly made *Abſtracts* of them, as I did likewiſe of all Matters which might afford any Explanation of the ſeveral Regulations, and the Mode of conducting the Buſineſs in former Times.—Theſe Abſtracts may ſerve to throw a Light on many Productions that have appeared in Print, which Productions in their Turn may help to point out the Motives for ſeveral Reſolutions then entered into, which do not appear ſufficiently explained by any former or ſubſequent Entry.

AN attentive View of the different Regulations, during the *earlier Period*, and an Examination of their Effects, may enable the Board to form ſome Judgment of the Alterations which have been introduced of late, and to determine whether they are Innovations or Improvements. The Regulations and the Modes of encouraging and bringing forward the ſeveral Species of the Linen Manufacture, will furniſh a pleaſing View of the Utility of your Truſt, by the great national Advantage which we now enjoy in the Poſſeſſion of ſo large and valuable a Trade, nouriſhed in its Infancy, and brought to Maturity by your Wiſdom and Care.

IF this Collection, which I have the Honor of laying before you, ſhall prove uſeful, I ſhall be extremely happy; ſubmitting it, with all poſſible Reſpect, to your Conſideration.

I am,

My LORDS and GENTLEMEN,

Your moſt dutiful,

And moſt devoted Servant,

JAMES CORRY.

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IRELAND.

HIS Grace the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, having (purſuant to an Act of Parliament) appointed Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture, they were, by his Grace's direction, ſummoned to meet at the Caſtle of Dublin, on Wedneſday the 10th of October, 1711; where the deed of their appointment was read to them, which is as follows:

Whereas, by Act of Parliament made in this kingdom in the ninth year of her Majeſty's reign, entitled, An Act to enforce ſuch Acts as have been made for the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture; and for a further regulation of the ſame, it is amongſt other things enacted, that the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of this Kingdom, for the time being, ſhall and may, and is thereby enabled to nominate and appoint, certain Truſtees for the diſpoſal and management of the duties granted by the ſaid Act, according to the truſts and powers thereby veſted in them; to conſiſt of an equal number of perſons out of each of the four provinces of this kingdom, as by the ſaid Act (relation being thereunto had) more fully may appear. NOW, Know all men by theſe Preſents, that I, James Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, in purſuance and execution of the power veſted in me by the ſaid Act, do by theſe Preſents appoint the ſeveral perſons herein after named, to be Truſtees for the diſpoſal and management of the duties granted by the ſaid Act, according to the truſts and powers thereby veſted in them; that is to ſay, the Right Hon. Sir Conſtantine Phipps, Lord High Chancellor of the ſaid Kingdom of Ireland, and ſuch other perſon as ſhall be Chancellor for the time being; the Moſt Reverend Father in God William Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, Robert Earl of Kildare, Henry Earl of Drogheda, Arthur Earl of Angleſey, Lord Viſcount Fitzwilliam, Thomas Lord Baron Howth, Robert Doyne, Eſq; Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common Pleas, Robert Rochfort, Eſq; Lord Chief Baron of Her Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, Charles Dering, Eſq; Her Majeſty's Auditor General, Samuel Dopping, Eſq; Sir Richard Levinge, Knight and Baronet, Her Majeſty's Attorney General, Sir Pierce Butler, Bart. Sir William Fownes, Knt. Stephen Ludlow, Eſq; Thomas Burgh, Eſq; Anderſon Saunders, Eſq; John Pratt, Eſq; all which ſaid perſons are of the Province of Leinſter.

William Earl of Inchiquin, James Earl of Barrymore, Thomas Lord Baron of Kerry, Sir Richard Cox, Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Juſtice of Her Majeſty's Court of Queen's Bench, Lieutenant General Richard Ingoldſby, Lieutenant General William Stewart, Sir Thomas Southwell, Bart. Sir John Percivall, Bart. Sir Donat. O'Bryen, Bart. Sir Robert Maude, Bart. Francis Bernard, Eſq; Her Majeſty's Solicitor General, Colonel William Ponſonby, William Burgh, Eſq; Accomptant General, Robert Fitzgerald, Eſq; Edward Hoare, Eſq; Henry Vine, Eſq; George Mathews, Eſq; Arthur Buſh, Eſq; all which ſaid perſons are of the Province of Munſter.

The Moſt Reverend Father in God, John Lord Archbiſhop of Tuam, Arthur Earl of Granard, James Lord Viſcount Laneſborough, Michell Lord Baron of Dunkellin,

lin, Major General Guſtavus Hamilton, Sir George St. George, Bart, Sir Arthur Shaen, Bart. Colonel Henry Sandford, John Eyres, Eſq; William Gore, Eſq; Oliver St. George, Eſq; William Conolly, Eſq; Benjamin Burton, Eſq; George Gore, Eſq; Counſellor at Law, Alderman Ralph Gore, David Kennedy, Eſq; John Stanton, Eſq; John French, Eſq; all which ſaid perſons are of the Province of Connaught.

Hugh Earl of Mount Alexander, James Earl of Abercorne, William Lord Viſcount Mountjoy, Clotworthy Lord Viſcount Maſſareene, Lord Conway, Edward Southwell, Eſq; Principal Secretary of State for the Kingdom of Ireland, Thomas Coote, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of Her Majeſty's Court of Queen's-Bench, Charles O'Neill, Eſq; Joſhua Dawſon, Eſq; Doctor Marmaduke Coghill, William Brownlow, Eſq; Samuel Waring, Eſq; Hawkins Magill, Eſq; Mathew Ford, Eſq; James Topham, Eſq; Charles Campbell, Eſq; Robert Clements, Eſq; Michell Ward, Eſq; Counſellor at Law; all which ſaid perſons are of the Province of Ulſter: And I hereby authorize and impower the ſeveral perſons herein before-mentioned as Truſtees, to put the ſaid Act in execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof: In witneſs whereof, I, James, Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, do hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal, this Sixth Day of October, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eleven.

ORMONDE.

After the reading of which Deed, they came to the following Reſolutions:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Daniel Dering be Secretary.

RESOLVED, That Michael Haney be Door-keeper.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do buy in books for the ſervice of the Board, and take care of the deed.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1711.

RESOLVED, That Lenon Herd be Meſſenger.

WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1711.

THAT the merchants Vatables, Verdun, Barky, Kirkwood, Montgomery, Sampſon, and Lattin, be ſent for, to be diſcourſed concerning the importing of Hemp and Flaxſeed.

That the clerk keep ſeparate Books; one for the Flax, another for the Hemp; and that the Board will, for the future, pleaſe to keep their debates, in reſpect to theſe, ſeparate and apart, the ſaid manufactures being in many reſpects of a different nature.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ſt, 1711.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the Hemp and Flaxſeed ſent for into Holland, ſhall be equally diſtributed to each province in this kingdom, as ſoon as the ſaid Seed arrives.

RESOLVED, That this Board will diſtribute equally to each province, the money that ſhall remain in ſtock after ſuch encouragements as this Board ſhall think fit to give to any improvements of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1711.

The Report of the Committee appointed for Mr. Beaumont's Petition, was read; and the Board having conſidered the former Proceedings before the Houſe of Commons, and the Lord Wharton's Warrant, (purſuant to the Addreſs of that Houſe) directing 200l. to be paid to him, which did not take effect, becauſe the Fund was ſoon after veſted in Truſtees by Act of Parliament,

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that Mr. Joſeph Beaumont, do now receive 100l. in part of the 200l. formerly deſigned him.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Joſeph Beaumont, ſhall receive the remaining 100l. when he ſhall have printed the Tables, as ſet forth in his Petition, and lodged them with the Truſtees; and alſo lodged a compleat pair of Scales, made according to his invention.

The Report from the Committee appointed to examine the merits of James Quin's Petition being read:

RESOLVED, That as ſoon as the ſaid Quin ſhall produce to the Truſtees certificates of Damaſks made by him at Carlow, this Board will conſider him, by allowing him at the rate of eight per cent. for what money he ſhall employ in the ſaid manufacture; the ſaid allowance not to exceed twenty pounds per annum.

ORDERED, That the ſaid Quin do give directions at the Work-houſe, in the preſence of Thomas Turner or James Bradſhaw, for the making a loom of the ſame kind as he makes uſe of in working his Damaſks.

The coſt of the loom to be paid by the Secretary.

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Board, that the Truſtees of each province be appointed as a Committee of this Board; that they, or any five of them, take into their conſideration, and report to this Board, what might be the moſt proper method for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, or both of them, in their reſpective provinces, to the end this Board may ſettle each province to the beſt advantage.

FRIDAY, 23d NOVEMBER, 1711.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Truſtees appointed for the Linen Manufacture, do hereby give Notice, that, by their Order, there is a quantity of Flaxſeed to be imported from Holland, and to be diſtributed into the ſeveral Provinces upon the following Conditions: That every perſon that ſhall apply for any quantity of the ſaid Seed, ſhall firſt make it appear to ſome Juſtice of Peace, upon oath, that he has prepared a quantity of ground for ſowing Flax-ſeed; expreſſing the quantity of ground ſo prepared; and alſo the quantity of Flax-ſeed requiſite for ſowing the ſaid ground; which ſaid Affidavit is to be ſent to the Secretary of this Board, Mr. Daniel Dering, at his Houſe in Grafton-ſtreet, Dublin; whereupon the Truſtees will give directions for furniſhing ſuch perſon with ſo much Seed as they ſhall think neceſſary for him, in proportion to the allowances they ſhall make to others; ſuch perſon paying at the rate of fifty ſhillings per hogſhead for the ſame, and obliging himſelf to ſow the whole quantity of Seed ſo to be delivered to him.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1711.

The Board being of opinion, that the time ſhould be limited to receive all Propoſals relating to the encouragement and carrying on the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, before they can reaſonably contract or agree with any perſons,

RESOLVED, That all Propoſals be lodged with the Secretary, before the 25th March next; and that afterwards, this Board will proceed to take ſuch Propoſals into their conſideration;

conſideration; and that public notice be given accordingly.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that two ſkilful men be employed in each Province, to inſtruct all perſons in preparing of ground for ſowing of Hemp and Flax-Seed, and dreſſing and preparing them for the wheel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1711.

RESOLVED, That whatever perſons this Board employs as Itinerant Flaxmen, the Perſons that recommend them, ſhall certify to this Board, under their hands, what knowledge they have of them and their abilities; which certificates ſhall be entered in the books.

RESOLVED, That, for the future, whoſoever ſhall be Chairman to the Board, ſhall, at every meeting, ſign the ſeveral Reſolutions the Board ſhall come to; which the Secretary is to enter in his books againſt the next meeting; and, when compared, to be ſigned by the Chairman of next meeting.

RESOLVED, That all money hereafter to be paid by order of this Board, the ſeveral warrants ſhall be made payable to the Secretary; to be by him paid to the ſeveral perſons; to the end that he may be able to keep a particular account of all Money that iſſues.

RESOLVED, That all the Candidates for Itinerant Flaxmen, ſhall, between this and Monday 17th December next, lay before the Board, a ſcheme of the method they intend to proceed by, in cultivating of Hemp and Flax, and fitting it for the wheel.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not give any encouragement to the Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures, that ſhall oblige the Board for more than one year, from the date of the reſpective contracts.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1711.

The Report from the Committee appointed to draw up a Report upon Lewis Cromelin's Petition, read.

To which the Board agreed.

ORDERED, That the Petition of Lewis Cromelin, the Lord Duke's Order of Reference, and the Report upon it, be entered in the Books.

Copy of LEWIS CROMELIN's Petition.

To His Grace the Duke of ORMOND, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The Humble Petition of Lewis Cromelin, Overſeer of the Linen Manufacture,

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner was ſent into this kingdom by the late King William, therein to eſtabliſh a Linen Manufacture, with his Royal Word and Promiſe, that he ſhould receive a recompenſe proportionable to the ſervices he ſhould render; which promiſe was a powerful motive for your Petitioner, to overcome all the difficulties and obſtacles he has ſince met with in the proſecution of his deſigns.

That within theſe fourteen years, your Petitioner hath, (together with a Colony of about ſeventy perſons he brought into this kingdom from France and Holland, now encreaſed to the number of one hundred and twenty) applied himſelf with all poſſible care and diligence, to the forming of a Settlement; having ſpared neither his perſon, nor his and his friends ſubſtance, to make it ſucceed; which (by the Grace of God) he has accompliſhed, to the great ſatisfaction of this nation; inſomuch, that the Parliament being ſenſible thereof, did, by their vote of the 20th November 1703, recommend him to your Grace, as a perſon very fit and uſeful for eſtabliſhing Manufactures in this Kingdom: And, by a ſecond vote of the 30th October 1707, That Lewis Cromelin has eminently been uſeful to this Kingdom, in promoting the Linen Manufactures thereof.

That though the ſaid Manufacture be ſettled in the Province of the North only, nay, but in three or four Counties of the ſame, yet the Kingdom reaps a great benefit by the quantities of Linen and Yarn which is every year exported out of it; (as appears by the annexed Abſtract) and conſidering it was not poſſible for your Petitioner to impart unto the whole Nation the knowledge God has given him in the ſaid Manufactures, he did print and publiſh a compleat Treatiſe of the ſaid Manufactures, from their firſt origin to their perfection, dedicated to your Grace, which has proved of great uſe to the Public; and it is ſince the publication of the ſaid Treatiſe, that the ſaid Manufactures have increaſed both in quantity and perfection.

That the Parliament having appropriated a fund for the encouragement of the ſaid Manufacture, and the improvement of the ſame through the kingdom, there are ſeveral ſorts of Linen Cloths, of which few or none have yet been made; ſuch as Sail-Cloths, Cordage, of the growth of the country, Dowlaſs Cloths for ſheeting, and Diapers made of Hemp, which would prove of great advantage, not only for the maintenance of the poor, who, by their labour would get an honeſt livelihood, but alſo by the great exportation thereof out of the kingdom: As alſo the making of Threads for ſowing, and bonelace, tapes, &c. which the kingdom might be furniſhed with, and export abroad.

And, for the performing thoſe things, your Petitioner doth offer his ſervice; and to take care of the ſeveral eſtabliſhments that ſhall be erected here, if he may have, and it be thought neceſſary to join with him four other perſons of ſkill and experience, to go every Circuit with the judges, and inſpect all the ſettlements that now are, or ſhall hereafter be made, and give the neceſſary directions for the carrying on the ſame with ſucceſs; and alſo take an inſpection of the perſons eſtabliſhed in every County by Act of Parliament, for the culture and preparation, or dreſſing of Hemp and Flax, and the Spinning-Schools; and to oblige them to do their duty: for though it has already coſt 960l. the firſt year, and will every year after coſt 516l. yet the ſame has not been of any uſe to the kingdom, for want of care in the execution of what they were obliged to do; and of the whole matter to give their Report to the Hon. the Truſtees, that are appointed for that purpoſe; to the end, they may (being fully informed of all things twice a year) give their order and directions accordingly.

Your Petitioner does hope, your Grace will honour him with your protection; and take into your ſerious conſideration, the many ſervices he has done this Kingdom, the Royal Promiſe given him of a recompence, and the recommendation of the Parliament, by granting him a penſion of 500l. per annum, during pleaſure, that he may ſubſiſt himſelf and family with honour, and continue his care in promoting the good of the Kingdom; for having loſt his only ſon, who managed all his affairs, he will be under a neceſſity either of laying down, or continuing the ſame; and,

in ſuch caſe, it will be impoſſible for him to mind the Public.

That, by the firſt Patent granted by the late King William, the whole ſum of 800l. was allowed your Petitioner, for the ſettlement of himſelf and his colony for ten years, over and above 380l. per annum, for penſions for your Petitioner and his three aſſiſtants, and the miniſter, during pleaſure; which ſaid Patent was not put in execution, but inſtead thereof, after the ſaid King William's death, the Hon. the Truſtees obtained a ſecond from our Moſt Gracious Queen Anne, authoriſing them to diſpoſe of the ſaid ſums of 800l. and 380l. both to your Petitioner and his colony, and the natives of the country; (both which ſums were limited for ten years; whereas, by the firſt, the Penſions were granted during pleaſure) ſo that your Petitioner was reduced to 400l. which was a great diſcouragement, and produced not three per cent. intereſt, inſtead of eight per cent. they were to have by the firſt Patent: but this, however, has done much good to the Kingdom, by the ſeveral eſtabliſhments ſince made therein.

And in regard the preſent Patent will determine the 24th Day of June next, and that unleſs the ſame be renewed for a certain term of years, your Petitioner and his colony will be reduced to great extremities, and rendered incapable of continuing a ſettlement begun with ſo much difficulty, and brought to great perfection, by the indefatigable endeavours of your Petitioner and his ſaid colony; and that your Petitioner is ſtill ready to do all that in him lies for the benefit of this Kingdom.

May it therefore pleaſe your Grace, in tender conſideration of the premiſes, to grant unto your Petitioner and his ſaid colony, a renewal of the ſaid Patent for ten years to come, or ſuch other term as your Grace ſhall think reaſonable: and unto your Petitioner in particular, a penſion of 500l. per annum, as above-mentioned, or as to your Grace ſhall ſeem meet.

And your Petitioner ſhall ever pray, &c.

Signed, LEWIS CROMELIN.

COPY of the ORDER of REFERENCE.

DUBLIN CASTLE, October 22d, 1711.

WE refer this Petition to the Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament to conſider thereof, and report unto us their opinion therein.

Signed, ORMONDE.

REPORT of the TRUSTEES, upon the PETITION of LEWIS CROMELIN.

To His Grace the DUKE of ORMOND, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

May it pleaſe your Grace,

IN obedience to your Grace's Order of Reference, dated the 22d Inſtant, on the Petition of Lewis Cromelin, ſetting forth his ſervices in relation to the eſtabliſhing the Linen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and the encouragements given by his late Majeſty King William, and her Majeſty Queen Anne, for promoting and carrying on the ſame, by the advantage of a colony of ſeveral families, ſkilful in the ſaid Manufactures, brought over by the ſaid Cromelin; and praying a further recompence and encouragement for the further ſervices he propoſes to perform therein: WE have conſidered the ſame; and humbly report to your Grace, that we find that by direction of his late Majeſty King William, in the twelfth year of his reign, a Patent was paſſed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, appointing Truſtees for carrying on and improving the Linen Manufactures; wherein the ſum of 800l. a year, was appointed for the intereſt of 10,000l. to be advanced by the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, or his procurement, as a ſtock for carrying on the ſame: as alſo 200l. per annum, to be paid the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, for his pains and care in carrying on the ſaid work; and 120l. per annum more, for three aſſiſtants; and alſo 60l. per annum for a French miniſter, to be continued during pleaſure; which grant, by the death of his late Majeſty, did expire.

We further find, that Her Majeſty Queen Anne, was likewiſe pleaſed, of her Royal Bounty, to grant Letters Patents for carrying on and encouraging the ſaid Work; wherein it is provided, That in regard no part of the ſaid 10,000l. had been advanced in ſpecie, the Looms brought into the Kingdom by the ſaid Cromelin and Colony, by conſent and approbation of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhould be accepted as ſtock; and liberty therein given, during the term of the ſaid Grant, being for ten years, from Midſummer 1702, to allow as capital ſtock, in like manner, the charge of any Looms that ſhould be brought in by any perſons, as well foreign as native, by conſent of the ſaid Truſtees: and the ſaid perſons were to be allowed at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, for the charge of ſuch Looms, out of the ſum of 1180l. granted annually by the ſaid laſt Letters Patents; allowance being thereout made for ſalaries, in like manner as in the former, amounting to 380l. per annum.

It appears likewiſe to us, that the Truſtees appointed by the laſt recited Letters Patents, have in a juſt and equal manner, performed the ſeveral conditions and agreements made with the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, in behalf of himſelf, his aſſiſtants, and colony: And it further appears, that the ſaid Cromelin and colony, have been very ſerviceable, and greatly inſtrumental in the improving and propagating the Flaxen Manufactures in the North part of this Kingdom: And that the perfection to which the ſame is brought in that part of the country, is very much owing to the ſkill and induſtry of the ſaid Cromelin.

It further appears to us, that the preſent patent granted by her Majeſty for ten years, will, in courſe, expire at Midſummer next.

We crave leave thereupon, humbly to repreſent to your Grace, that the ſum already appointed by Act of Parliament, for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, is far ſhort of the ſum requiſite to carry on the ſame, in any proportion to the exigencies of the country, and the ſervices propoſed thereby: Wherefore, we think it our duty, to addreſs ourſelves to your Grace, humbly deſiring, that your Grace will be pleaſed to apply to Her Majeſty for a renewal of the ſaid Patent, for ſuch further term of years, as Her Majeſty in her great wiſdom and goodneſs ſhall think fit: And that the ſums therein to be granted, may be applied (if it ſhall be her Majeſty's pleaſure) to the Hempen Manufactures of Cordage and Sail Cloths only; and the ſame to be of Hemp of the growth of this country, and no other; with ſome allowance therein to be inſerted, ſuch as her Majeſty ſhall think fit to grant, for encouraging the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, during his continuance, to overſee and to aſſiſt in that ſervice; and afterwards for the encouragement of ſuch other perſon, as ſhall be appointed to ſuperintend

ſuperintend the ſaid Manufactures, in the places moſt proper in this country for carrying on the ſame: And both the ſaid Cromelin, and ſuch ſucceeding ſuperintendant, to be under the direction of ſuch Truſtees, as her Majeſty ſhall appoint; by which means, we are in hopes the Hempen Manufactures may be ſo far encouraged, as that this Kingdom may ſave a great part of the expence they are yearly at, in buying in, great quantities of Sail-cloths and Cordage from foreign parts; and alſo may be enabled to ſupply the Navy-Board in London, with conſiderable quantities thereof, at reaſonable rates, and good in their kinds; which method of ſupplying the Engliſh ſhipping, we humbly conceive, may tend very much to the benefit and advantage of Great Britain, as well as this kingdom.

All which we humbly ſubmit to your Grace's moſt prudent conſideration.

THURSDAY, November 29th.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that no Maſter of a County Workhouſe, ought to be employed as an Itinerant Flax and Hempman; thoſe two employments being judged inconſiſtent to be held together.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, have 80l. per annum, as his Salary.

Resolved, That the Meſſenger and Door-keeper, have each 10l. per annum.

Resolved, That an humble application be made to the Lord Lieutenant, by the Lord Abercorne, at the requeſt of this Board, to move the Queen for an order to the Poſtmaſter-general, to paſs the Letters to and from the Clerk to the Truſtees, for the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, free of Poſtage; and likewiſe, in the mean time, do deſire His Grace, that he would be pleaſed to give directions to Mr. Manley, to paſs his letters free, till ſuch an order be obtained.

FRIDAY, December 14th, 1711.

Resolved, That each Itinerant Hemp and Flaxman, ſhall have as his Salary the ſum of 40l. per annum; and that their Salary ſhall commence from the 1ſt of January next.

Resolved, That each Itinerant Hemp and Flaxman, ſhall give 50l. ſecurity for his good behaviour.

MONDAY, January 7th, 1711—12.

Ordered, That the Secretary do keep a book of all receipts and payments, which is to lie conſtantly on the table; and that the accounts be now ſtated for the laſt quarter, and for the future quarterly.

TUESDAY, January 15th, 1711—12.

Copy Certificate and Recommendation for Itinerant Hemp and Flaxmen.

I do certify, that it appears to me, that James Bradſhaw has for ſeveral years employed his time in the Linen Manufactures; and that he has ſeveral certificates of his underſtanding in that myſtery; and of his good deportment in the country where he lived, being near Lurgan in the County of Armagh; and I believe him qualified to be employed as a Hemp and Flaxman, under ſuch rules as the Truſtees ſhall think fit to appoint.

Signed, W. BURGH.

WEDNESDAY, February 13, 1711—12.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture, did, by a former Advertiſement, propoſe to let all perſons have Hemp-Seed and Flaxſeed, under the conditions therein expreſſed; they do hereby give further Notice, that upon arrival of the foreign Seeds, which they ſoon expect, whatever perſons ſhall get any Juſtice of Peace, or Miniſter of a Pariſh, to certify liſts of ſuch perſons names, with the quantity of ſuch Seed as they deſire, and that he believes ſuch perſon will cauſe the ſame to be ſowed this ſeaſon; provided ſuch certified liſts are received in Dublin before the 3d of March next; ſuch perſon ſhall (without making oath as before was required) have any quantity not exceeding one hogſhead, nor leſs than half a buſhel, at the rate of fifty ſhillings per hogſhead, delivered out at the following places, viz. Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Lurgan, Londonderry, Carrick on Shannon, and Loughreagh; and any perſon ſhall have greater quantities, on their giving ſecurity to ſow the Seed this ſeaſon: And ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, and Miniſters, are deſired, for the general good of the country, to order ſuch liſts as they ſhall have received and approved of, to be directed and ſent up to Mr. Daniel Dering, at his houſe in Graſton-ſtreet, Dublin; ſo as they may come to his hands, at or before Monday the 3d of March. Note, that public notices ſhall be given, when the ſaid Seed ſhall arrive.

WEDNESDAY, February 20th, 1711—12.

Ordered, That the following Advertiſement be publiſhed in the ſeveral News-papers with the former Advertiſement.

And whereas it appears by the information of moſt of the Itinerant Hemp and Flaxmen, that they have been applied to for conſiderable quantities of Hemp and Flaxſeed; theſe are to give Notice, that ſuch application to the Itinerant Hemp and Flaxmen, are not ſufficient; and therefore, they who have applied to them, and all other perſons who want any of the ſaid Seeds, muſt obſerve the rules above directed.

THURSDAY, March 6th, 1711—12.

Resolved, That the Collectors of the Revenue for the ſeveral places appointed for the diſtributing of Seed, be deſired to receive the money to be paid, upon delivery of the Seed; and that they do account with the Secretary, Mr. Daniel Dering.

Resolved, that the Itinerant Men do attend at the ſeveral places, to meaſure out the Seed at the time of delivery.

Resolved, That the Secretary be impowered to receive the money paid in Dublin.

THURSDAY, March 13th, 1711—12.

Mr. Hoare's Letter, notifying the arrival of the Seed the Board ſent for, being read:

Ordered, That application be made to the Government, for a Man of War to convey the ſame to Dublin.

INSTRUCTIONS to ITINERANT HEMP and FLAXMEN.

By the Truſtees for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

Inſtructions to Itinerant Hemp and Flaxman.

WE have appointed you to be Itinerant Hemp and Flaxman, in the Counties of and do hereby direct you forthwith, to apply yourſelf to the diſcharge of your duty in that diſtrict, beginning with the County of and ſo to proceed, according to the rules, orders, and directions hereafter mentioned; and ſuch other as from time to time you ſhall receive from us.

You ſhall, with the utmoſt diſpatch you are capable of, viſit the ſeveral cities and towns where markets are uſually held, within your diſtrict; and chiefly on market-days; as alſo the principal places where any part of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures are carried on; obſerving the courſe of the country in your Circuit, according to the Route herewith given you.

Where you come to any of the principal towns, you are to apply yourſelf to the Chief Magiſtrates and Public Officers of the Place, and acquaint them, that you are appointed to go into that part of the country, to give your beſt advice and aſſiſtance to all perſons that are deſirous to prepare land for the ſowing of Hemp-ſeed or Flaxſeed; and to point out to them the moſt proper ſoils, the manner of cultivating the ſame, the qualities of good and bad Seed; to explain in the moſt familiar terms, the beſt way and times of watering, weeding, and dreſſing the Hemp and Flax; as alſo the manner of ſpinning, reeling, and making the ſame up in hanks, according to the Acts of Parliament lately made for that purpoſe.

You are therefore to deſire ſuch Magiſtrates and Officers, to afford you their countenance; and that they will pleaſe to make the occaſion of your coming as public as they ſhall think fit; and give leave to your poſting up Advertiſements to that effect.

You are to be careful, with your utmoſt ſkill and induſtry, to give your inſtructions in ſuch places as you go to; and as you paſs through the country, you are to make the beſt obſervations you can, of the nature and quality of the ſoil that may be proper either for Hemp or Flax; and whether there are good conveniences for watering or not: likewiſe, where any Kelp may be had, or other method of whitening, by ſuch materials as the ſeveral parts of the country you paſs through do beſt afford: you are to acquaint the proper perſons in ſuch parts therewith, and how the ſame may be made.

You are in the market-towns, and other places, you paſs through diligently, to take notice, how they obſerve, in thoſe parts, the ſeveral rules and directions preſcribed in the late Acts of Parliament, as to their reeling, weaving, and otherwiſe; and to take the moſt public occaſions to acquaint the gentlemen and others, where you obſerve any defects or ſtretches, in the execution of the ſaid Acts; and to adviſe them, how to prevent the like for the future; and to lay before them, the Penalties in the ſeveral caſes, wherein ſuch offences happen.

You are to call on the Maſters of the ſeveral Workhouſes appointed for each county at large, and Counties of towns or cities, and obſerve their methods; and acquaint them with ſuch further rules and methods, as you conceive may be wanting: and if the Magiſtrates in ſuch place, or the Overſeer of ſuch Workhouſes, will give you an opportunity to lay before them your Obſervations relating to ſuch County Workhouſe, and Spinning Schools, and the further improvement of the Manufactures therein, you are to do it where you conveniently can; and generally to adviſe both there and in the country, as you find neceſſary, what are the moſt proper inſtruments to make uſe of in dreſſing, hackling, &c. and alſo the beſt manner of uſing ſuch inſtruments.

You are to acquaint ſuch perſons as you find inclined to ſow Hemp or Flax-ſeed in proper ſoils, that we ſoon expect a conſiderable quantity of Hemp and Flax-ſeed of foreign growth; the beſt that is to be had; and that for their encouragement, we are willing ſuch perſons ſhould be accommodated with reaſonable quantities thereof, at a very moderate expence; being willing to afford a hogſhead of each ſort, at fifty ſhillings per hogſhead, although it coſts us a much greater price; and you are to take the names of ſuch perſons as deſire to be furniſhed therewith, and the quantities they deſire; and to let them know, that public Advertiſements ſhall be given, when the ſame do arrive, in the ſeveral Ports of this Kingdom: and for their further encouragement, that where any perſons ſhall undertake to ſow of ſuch foreign Seed, you are to let them know, that you are appointed to viſit the places where the ſame ſhall be ſowed, in the proper ſeaſons of the year for ſowing and ſaving the produce thereof; all which you muſt particularly note in your book, with the places how they lie; in order to your being the better able to perform this ſervice, for the general good of the country.

You are to enter in a book, fairly kept, a conſtant diary of your Journeys and Proceedings; and twice a month, viz. at the middle and end of each month, ſend us a duplicate thereof, expreſſing the number of miles you ride each day, and how you employ your time when you remain in any one place for any number of days; what material Obſervations you make in ſuch time; the place where a letter will reach you the following week; the place and day of the month on which you put that ſame in the Poſt-office.

We expect you will have finiſhed your firſt circuit by the 10th day of March next; againſt which time, new inſtructions ſhall be prepared for you. You are, as much as you can, to attend the Aſſizes and Seſſions of ſuch county as you happen to be in when they are held; and to addreſs yourſelf to the principal gentlemen there met, according to the Inſtructions herein before given.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 1711—12.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Thoſe who have not yet prepared their land for Hemp-ſeed, by plowing, may yet do it, by digging the ſame once; which anſwers all the plowings otherwiſe neceſſary.

MONDAY, APRIL 14th, 1712.

RESOLVED, That this Board will give to Sir Thomas Southwell, the ſum of 100l. Sterl. towards building an Hemp-Mill at Rakiel; provided, he will engage to lay out 200l. more upon the ſaid Mill.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1712.

The Board being informed, that there is a general complaint of the mixing of Tow-yarn with other Yarn, in the Diapers made in this Kingdom,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Brownlow be desired to write to the North, to recommend to them the observing the several Laws made in relation to the Yarn; to let them know the Trustees think themselves obliged to prosecute such as do not conform to those Acts.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1712.

The Committee appointed to examine the Returns of the Itinerant Men, presented their Report to the Board, which was received; upon which,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Justice Coote, be desired to write in the name of the Board, to the several Overseers of the Workhouses, in the several Counties of this Kingdom, to answer to the Complaints made against them in the Report.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Justice Coote, be desired to write in the Name of the Board, to the several Justices of Peace and Barons, of Fairs complained of in the Report, to answer such Complaints.

The Petition of Thomas Torlton, Master of the Workhouse at Monaghan, and his Wife, Mistress of the Spinning-school at that place, complaining of undue practices, committed to their prejudice, by Coll. Montgomery, was read.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do send a Copy of the said Petition to Coll. Montgomery; and that he desire him to send up an Answer to the same, to the Board.

Mr. Justice Coote, having informed the Board, that there are three Boys, namely, Garrett Farrell, John Ulster, and William Forster, that have been bred up to the spinning of Hemp at Rakeil, after the Dutch manner; and that they have no manner of subsistence at present,

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, to give each of them two shillings per week to subsist upon, till the Board finds out some employment for them.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1712.

RESOLVED, That 20l. be given to James Quin, for teaching eight persons yearly, the Mystery or Trade of weaving Damask Linen; and that it is the intention of this Board, to continue that allowance to him, as long as they find he shall deserve the same.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1712.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas the Trustees for the Linen Manufacture did meet with great difficulties in importing the foreign Hempseed and Flax-seed last year, and were under great apprehensions of disappointing the country, by reason of the contrary winds, and other accidents that happened: and whereas the said Trustees have been informed, that several merchants decline sending for foreign Seed, for fear the Trustees should undersell them; these are to give Notice, that the Trustees are resolved not to import any this year; nevertheless, as the said Trustees are very sensible of the great advantage of sowing foreign Seed, they are willing to allow for encouragement of such as will buy Riga or Dutch Hemp-seed or Flax-seed, one shilling per bushel, as a reward; provided, that such persons who intend to have the benefit of such reward, do make affidavit, before some Justice of Peace, that they have land prepared, and do intend to sow the same with such foreign Seed; and upon producing such affidavit to the Collector of the Revenue, for the district where such Seed shall be bought, such person shall receive from him the reward aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That Captain Pratt be desired to write to the Collectors, to pay the premiums promised in the late Advertisement, of one shilling per bushel, to the Buyer of foreign Flax-seed and Hemp-seed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1712—13.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Justice Coote, be desired to write in the Name of the Board, to Mr. Gee, Merchant in London, and desire him to communicate to the Board such Observations as he shall make for the advantage of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures in this Kingdom; and to have an eye to what steps shall be taken this ensuing Sessions of Parliament in Great Britain, in relation to those Manufactures.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1712—13.

The Board having found, by the Returns of the Itinerant Men, that the Acts of Parliament relating to the Linen Manufacture are generally neglected throughout the Kingdom, and that the Linen Manufacture suffers thereby,

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Board, to employ an Attorney in each Circuit, to prosecute all abuses that they shall find in the said Manufactures.

Mr. Justice Coote having presented to the Board, proper instructions for the said Attornies, and they being read,

RESOLVED, that this Board does agree with the same.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the said Instructions be given to each of the said Attornies; and that they be entered in the Books; which Instructions are as follow:

Instructions for the Attornies who are to go the Circuits this Lent Assizes 1712—13, to appear and manage such Prosecutions, as may be thought adviseable to be made at this Lent Assizes, throughout the Kingdom.

In the first place, the said Attornies are desired to read the several Acts of Parliament that have been made in relation to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom; and to make themselves masters thereof: and whereupon any contest arising in their respective Circuits, there is occasion for Council at Law to be consulted and employed therein, that they respectively fee and retain such Council as are requisite, and not otherwise: and where the Prosecutors are to have any premium from any Delinquents, by the Acts, they are to take care, that they take their own and their Council's fees thereout, but with all the moderation imaginable: and where there is no premium or reward to be given to the Prosecutor, and there be occasion for such Attorney or Council appearing in the cause, they are to prosecute the same at the expence of the Board of Trustees; and on their producing an attested copy, under the hand of the proper officers, of the order that shall be conceived at the Assize on that behalf, this Board will recompense the same.

Item, this Board will order their Itinerant Men in each province, to attend at each Assize in their respective provinces; and to apply themselves to the said Attornies, to inform them of any abuses remediable by those acts at the Assize: in particular, it behoves the said Attornies, to prosecute

proſecute all ſuch Barons of Fairs or Markets, whom they ſhall find to take tolls for Flax, Hemp, or the Manufactures made thereof in this Kingdom; or by any other colour or pretence, extort money from thoſe concerned in the ſaid Manufactures, to the diſcouragement of the ſaid Trade.

The ſaid Attornies are likewiſe in their reſpective circuits, to inform themſelves, if any perſon or perſons, whether Juſtice of Peace or others, that diſcountenance or diſcourage people in the execution of the ſaid Acts, in reference to the regulation of reeling, winding, &c. of the Yarn ſtatutably, upon the whole matter, they are to communicate theſe their Inſtructions to the Itinerants; and to receive from them ſuch information, as may be proper to ſupport the law, and to bring to juſtice the offender.

The ſaid Attornies are likewiſe in their reſpective circuits, to inform themſelves by the Itinerants, whether the Workhouſes in each county, be provided according to the Acts; and whether the maſters be properly ſkilled according to the tenor of the Act; whether there be ſpinning-ſchools in each county, as by Act of Parliament they are required; and what defects they find in the execution of the Laws in thoſe particulars, they are to lay before the Judges in open Court, in the preſence of the Grand Jury, to the end the ſame may be remedied according to law.

The ſaid Attornies are deſired, at their returns, to make a Report at large to this Board, of all their Proceedings and Obſervations in their reſpective Counties, in relation to theſe acts.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Juſtice Coote be deſired to wait upon the ſeveral Judges, in the name of the Board; and deſire them to give in charge at next Aſſizes, the execution of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament, relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

Mr. Juſtice Coote having, purſuant to a Reſolution of the Board, preſented the form of a Letter to be ſent to Mr. Joſhua Gee, it being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

DUBLIN, February 20th, 1712—13.

SIR,

The Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament, to ſuperintend the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom, being compoſed of people of the greateſt rank in the two Houſes of Parliament, have, at their laſt Aſſembly, required me their Chairman, to write to you, to ſignify the grateful ſenſe they have of your zeal and good affection to this Kingdom in general; but more particularly, with relation to the Linen Manufactures thereof: they have directed me, in the firſt place, to return you their thanks, in the name and behalf of the Kingdom; and to aſſure you, that they will all, in their reſpective ſtations, teſtify their reſpects to you, whenever a ſuitable opportunity offers for your ſervice.

I have likewiſe in command from them, (they being informed of your abilities by me and others) to intreat you to permit me, in theirs and this Kingdom's behalf, to correſpond with you; and for to receive your ſentiments from time to time, how theſe Trades, or any other relating to this Kingdom, may beſt be advanced and cultivated: They obſerve that the Linen Trade here, has languiſhed ſince the year 1707; they eaſily imagine, that this muſt proceed from ſome falſe ſteps, which the people, converſant in theſe Trades, have made with relation to the Manufactures: The various accounts they have from people dealing in that way in this Kingdom, (every man ſpeaking according as his own private intereſt dictates) ſerves only to embarraſs their judgment, but does not advance the Public ſervice; whereas the Truſtees are convinced, that a perſon on the ſpot, ſo well ſkilled in all the ſecret ſprings and motions of Trade, and particularly of this, can let them into the ſecret of what Manufactures of Hemp or Linen are capable of being made here, might expect a ready Market in England; eſpecially at Briſtol and London; where they all know you have conſiderable acquaintance: and if at any time you have obſerved goods of theſe kinds to come from hence, unacceptable to the Markets in thoſe places, they intreat you to be ſo free, as to give them your thoughts thereon.

I am likewiſe commanded by the Truſtees, to pray you to conſider and report to them, what your thoughts are in relation to their Trade, ſince the proſpect of peace with France; and that you would give them your thoughts, whether the Dowlaſſes, or any other goods made in France, might be made here with advantage to the Kingdom; if ſo, that you would pleaſe to purchaſe for them a couple of Pieces of each ſort of Cloth you would have imitated here, whether it be of the growth of France, or any other country; and that you would tranſmit them hither without delay, to the end, that thoſe that may be encouraged by this Board, to work thereon, may forthwith apply their induſtry thereto, and furniſh themſelves, this Summer, with high white Yarn, or any other Materials neceſſary thereunto: and whatever expences you are at, you will be pleaſed to ſignify it to me, who will take care that you ſhall with thanks be refunded.

I am likewiſe ordered by the Board, to acquaint you, that they are informed by ſeveral hands, that the Members of both Houſes of Parliament, from North-Britain, will ſeek to have ſome Bill or Bills paſſed this Seſſion, in favour of North-Britain, in relation to the Linen and Hempen Manufactures; and they do not ſtick to declare in Public, that they will endeavour to lay thoſe Trades, with reſpect to this Kingdom, under the greateſt reſtrictions they can: the Truſtees pray you to have a watchful eye thereto; and that you will from time to time, communicate what you obſerve, to His Grace the Duke of Ormond, our Lord Lieutenant, and to ſuch other perſons as you think well affected to this Kingdom, and may beſt oppoſe any thing that may be detrimental thereto; and likewiſe acquaint this Board, with ſuch your Proceedings and Obſervations, to the end, that each Member may apply himſelf to the diſcharge of his truſt for the public benefit.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1712—13.

The Petition of Thomas Torleton, and Coll. Montgomery's Anſwer thereto, being read:

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Petition, and Coll. Montgomery's ſaid Anſwer thereto, be delivered to Mr. Mc. Mullen, the Attorney appointed for the North-Eaſt Circuit; and that the ſaid Mr. Mc. Mullen be directed to entreat the Judge of Aſſize, that the matter be inquired into in the face of the County; and that Mr. Mc. Mullen do report to this Board, the Proceedings thereon, and how the matter ſhall appear.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do give Notice of this Reſolution to Coll. Montgomery and Mr. Torleton, in order to their being prepared.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be publiſhed in the News-papers of Saturday, to give Notice to the country, that this Board has appointed an Attorney for each Circuit, to proſecute all abuſes that ſhall be diſcovered in the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th, 1712—13.

Mr. Jones, Maſter of the Paper-Mill at Rathfarnham, appeared, purſuant to the late Order of this Board, and having a ſample of bleached Tow produced to him, he thought it might be wrought into Paper; and that if two hundred weight of the ſaid Tow were prepared for him, he would make ſeveral trials of it, to ſee what Paper it will produce.

ORDERED, That the conſideration thereof, be referred to the next meeting.

The Petition of Bryan Kernon and Thomas Brearly, being read, each of them complaining of hardſhips put upon them in England, for expoſing Linen to ſale, being the Manufacture of this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That they be referred to Mr. Juſtice Coote; who is deſired to look into the Acts of Parliament relating to Hawkers and Pedlars; and that he give in his Report on the ſaid Petitions, at the next Meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 1712—13.

ORDERED, That Thomas Turner prepare two hundred weight of bleached Tow; and deliver the ſame to Mr. Jones, Maſter of the Paper Mill at Rathfarnham; and the Board will pay him for the ſame.

Mr. Juſtice Coote having propoſed to ſend George Rooke of Dublin, Merchant, to Briſtol, London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Whitehaven, in Great-Britain,

ORDERED, That the ſaid George Rooke, be ſent to the places aforeſaid; and that twenty-five pounds be advanced him by the Treaſurer; and that he go to England forthwith; and that Mr. Juſtice Coote draw up Inſtructions for him; and that the ſaid Inſtructions be laid before this Board, for their approbation or amendment.

ORDERED, That the Diaries of the ſeveral Itinerants be returned them; to the end they may thereout inſtruct the Attornies of the reſpective Circuits, with what they have obſerved to have been committed or done within their reſpective Diſtricts, contrary to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament relating to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures; and that ſervice performed, they are again to lay their Diaries before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONS to GEORGE ROOKE of the City of Dublin, Merchant; to be obſerved by him in Great Britain.

He the ſaid George Rooke, is to repair to Briſtol; where he ſhall uſe his utmoſt diligence to inform himſelf in the ways and means of making all ſorts of Hempen Cordage, Hempen Sail-cloth, or Canvas; and ſhall enter into a Paper-book, for that purpoſe, every thing obſervable relating to thoſe Manufactures: that is to ſay, he ſhall inform himſelf of the price of Hemp, (communibus annis) and from what Port or Ports they generally are furniſhed; and bring with him ſamples of their Hemp, as well in the groſs and unwrought, as ſuch as is fitted for the ſeveral uſes and purpoſes in which they employ it.

He ſhall likewiſe inform himſelf, of the charge of their Rope-yards; and of the ſeveral utenſils employed in their Cordage Trade; and the wages given to every workman therein employed.

He ſhall inform himſelf in the beſt manner he can, by converſing with the Dealers in Sail-cloth and Mariners, in what manner the Port of Briſtol is furniſhed with their Sail-cloth, and at what prices; procure patterns of the ſeveral ſorts of Sail-cloth; to the end that the ſame may be laid before the Board; that they may judge how far this Kingdom is capable of entering into thoſe Trades.

The ſaid George Rooke is likewiſe, at Briſtol aforeſaid, to inform himſelf what Flaxen Manufactures are vended there; and furniſh himſelf with patterns of each ſort of ſuch commodities, and their reſpective prices: In ſhort, while at Briſtol, he is to inform himſelf of every thing relating to the Linen and Hempen Manufacture, which he thinks may be conducive to the good of this Kingdom: and when he can procure any propoſals from dealers of ſubſtance and credit, for encouraging any of this Kingdom in the ſaid Manufactures, he is to receive them, ſigned under their hands, and lay them before this Board.

From thence, he is to repair to ſuch Ticken-Weavers as he ſhall hear of in Somerſetſhire and Glouceſterſhire; and obſerve their way of making Bed-ticks, Horſe-cloths, and Girth-web, and lay his account thereof before this Board, and the Prices whereat they are made and ſold, and bring Patterns of them with him.

He is likewiſe in all his Travels thro' Great Britain, to inform himſelf where there is any Perſon eminent in raiſing or cultivating Hemp or Flax, and to bring Patterns of ſuch Hemp or Flax, as he ſees extraordinary, and to ſound at a diſtance the inclinations of ſuch as he finds ſkilful in thoſe myſteries, to ſee what probability there may be of bringing thoſe perſons hither, if occaſion offers.

When he has performed theſe ſervices, he is to repair to London, where he is to do the ſame as is directed at Briſtol, both with reſpect to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

From thence to Manchester; where he muſt make it his buſineſs to obſerve, what Flaxen Commodities are made there, that may be made here with advantage; and lay a ſpecimen thereof before this Board.

From Manchester he is to repair to Liverpool; where he is to inform himſelf, in like manner as at Briſtol, how far that Town may be made ſerviceable to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom.

From thence he is to proceed to Whitehaven; where he is to do the like.

He is to be careful in every place to conceal his buſineſs and the place he comes from, as far as is poſſible with reſpect had to theſe his inſtructions.

The ſaid George Rooke, is to keep a Diary from the day he leaves this place, to that of his return, of all his Proceedings; and lay the ſame before this Board.

He muſt inform himſelf as far as poſſibly he can, from what Ports of the World Great-Britain furniſhes itſelf with thoſe Commodities; and on what terms their Trades are carried on; to the end, this Board may the better judge, how to carry on the Linen and Hempen Trades, to the benefit and advantage of Great-Britain, as well as of this Kingdom.

MONDAY, MARCH 23d, 1712— 3.

The Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture, having received a Letter from Samuel Waring, Eſq; importing, That one Margaret Hollywell, in the County of Down,

did, in Spring 1711, ſow about a peck of foreign Flax-ſeed; and that ſhe made of the produce of the ſame, upwards of 20l. do think fit to communicate the ſame to the Public, the better to encourage all perſons in ſowing ſuch foreign Seed.

MONDAY, April 13th, 1713.

Complaint being made by Mr. O'Neil and others, that the Exciſeman at Belfaſt, did take a peck or more of Lint-ſeed out of each hogſhead granted to them by the Board,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Elſmere at Belfaſt, to know whether the fact be true.

FRIDAY, July 3d, 1713.

Ordered, That the Secretary do deſire the ſeveral Attornies appointed by this Board to proſecute abuſes, to report their Proceedings to this Board at next meeting.

The Board being informed, that there are lodged in the Exchequer of England, ſeveral ſums of money ariſing from forfeitures upon the Woollen Act, and applicable by the ſaid Act, to the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to William French, Eſq; in London, to find out what thoſe ſums are; and to let him know, that this Board will give him for his encouragement, twelve-pence per pound, for whatever ſum this Board ſhall receive by his means.

MONDAY, July 13, 1713.

A Letter from Joſeph Fowler, Itinerant Man, complaining of ſeveral abuſes committed againſt the Linen Acts, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Joſeph Fowler, to employ an Attorney to proſecute all ſuch perſons as he ſhall find acting contrary to the ſaid laws.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the ſeveral Itinerant Men, to attend the Aſſizes in their ſeveral diſtricts; and proſecute all ſuch abuſes as they ſhall have obſerved againſt the Linen Acts; and to let them know, this Board will bear the charge of the ſaid Proſecutions.

Ordered, That for the more effectual puniſhment of ſuch offenders, the ſaid Itinerant Men do employ proper Attornies at each Aſſize.

THURSDAY, August 6th, 1713.

Mr. Gee having ſent over to the Board, two pieces of Dowlaſſes, and two of Lockrams, made of high white Yarn, which (he ſays) are the ſorts of Cloths which he obſerves to be in greateſt demand in England,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Mr. Gee, to thank him for his Trouble; and that he do remit to Mr Gee, the coſt of the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the making of thoſe ſorts of Cloths, will be of great advantage to this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Secretary do ſend to each of the Itinerant Men twelve patterns, of half quarter each in length, and the whole breadth of each ſort of theſe cloths; and that he direct them to recommend the making of Cloths in imitation of them, to the ſeveral Manufactures in their reſpective diſtricts; but that they be ordered not to part with the Patterns to any, but ſuch as will engage for to make ſuch Cloths.

MONDAY, November 2d, 1713.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to each of the Itinerant Men; and order them to prepare Land for the ſowing of one hogſhead of Hemp-ſeed; and to let them know, the Board intends they ſhall each of them manage the produce, that the country may ſee their ſkill in that Manufacture, and the advantage of engaging in it.

MONDAY, November 9th, 1713.

Mr. French's Letter, ſetting forth, that he cannot proceed in the recovery of the Forfeitures upon the Woollen Act, now lying in the Exchequer of England, without a power from the Barons of the Exchequer here, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary do wait upon the Barons of the Exchequer; and deſire them, in the name of this Board, to grant a power to Sir Alexander Cairnes, to receive the money ariſing from the ſaid Forfeitures, for the uſe of this Board; and likewiſe a power to William French, Eſq; to ſolicit and recover the ſame.

MONDAY, December 14th, 1713.

The Petition of Jonathan Hewitt, praying, that an encouragement be given him, in conſideration of his ſetting up a Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture, at Abbey-Boyle, in the County of Roſcommon, being read,

Ordered, That a Contract be prepared againſt next Meeting, agreeable to the Propoſals of the ſaid Hewit, and that the validity of the Security propoſed by the ſaid Hewit be, in the mean time, enquired into.

An Account of the Proceedings of the Truſtees, in encouraging the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary do ſign the ſame, in the name of this Board; and that he do deliver it to the Committee of Parliament appointed for enquiring into the Proceedings of this Board.

WEDNESDAY, December 30th, 1713.

Ordered, That the Secretary do prepare a liſt of ſuch Magiſtrates and other perſons, as have been complained of for not executing the Acts relating to the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture; and that he do lay the ſame before the Board on Monday next.

Some Certificates of the validity of the Security propoſed by Jonathan Hewit, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary do enquire further into the validity of the ſaid Security; and that if he finds them ſufficient, that he ſee them perfect the Contract approved of by this Board; and do thereupon pay to Jonathan Hewit, the 100l. as mentioned in the ſaid Contract.

WEDNESDAY, January 5th, 1713—14.

John Shepherd, Maſter of the Workhouſe at Adare, in the County of Limerick, having ſent up a Complaint to the Board, that, in purſuance of the Acts of Parliament made for the Improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, he did ſeize upon ſeveral pieces of Narrow Cloth, which he carried before Ralph Wilſon, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace, in order to their being condemned; who took

took the ſame from him, and returned them to the perſons from whom they had been taken,

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to the ſaid Mr. Wilſon, upon the ſubject of the above Complaint.

Some amendments having been propoſed to be made to the form of the Contract to be entered into by Jonathan Hewit, and which was agreed to at laſt Meeting,

And the ſaid Contract and Amendments being read,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Contract, with the ſaid Amendments, be the form of the Contract between the ſaid Hewit and this Board.

KNOW all Men by theſe Preſents, that We Jonathan Hewit, of Abby-Boyle, in the County of Roſcommon, Weaver, John Hewit, of Dublin, Clerk, and Patrick Maddin, of the ſaid City of Dublin, Farrier, and each of us, are firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the juſt and full Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, current and lawful Money of Great-Britain, to be paid to Her Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors; to the which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind us and each of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, jointly and ſeverally, firmly by theſe Preſents. Sealed with our Seal, and dated this 7th Day of January, 1713—14.

The Condition of the above Obligation is ſuch, that if the above-bound Jonathan Hewit, ſhall, on or before the twenty-fourth Day of June, next enſuing, in ſome convenient place, in or near the Town of Abby-Boyle, in the County of Roſcommon aforeſaid, make, or cauſe to be made, a good new Bleach-yard, containing at leaſt one acre and half Engliſh meaſure, and encloſe the ſame; and erect thereon, a ſufficient Buck-houſe, and provide the ſame with proper utenſils: and alſo, on or before the twenty-fifth Day of December, then next enſuing, erect and ſet up in the ſaid Town of Abby-Boyle, three good and ſufficient Looms, for making of Hempen Sail-cloth; and keep the ſaid three Looms conſtantly employed for ſeven years, from the ſaid twenty-fifth Day of December, in making and weaving of good and ſufficient Hempen Sail-cloth; and work up yearly in each Loom, at leaſt eight hundred yards of ſuch Sail-cloth; and ſend up to the Truſtees for the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures in Ireland, nominated and appointed, purſuant to an Act of Parliament made in this Kingdom, in the ninth year of Her Majeſty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enforce ſuch Acts as have been made for the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture; and for the further Regulation of the ſame, on or before the tenth day of every January, Certificates of ſo much Cloth being made there in ſaid time, ſigned by the Chief Magiſtrate of the Corporation, and Miniſter and Church-Wardens of the Pariſh of Abby-Boyle aforeſaid: and likewiſe, on or before the firſt Day of May next, erect and ſet up in the ſaid Town of Abby-Boyle, ſix good and ſufficient Looms, in the making and weaving of Right Dowlaſs Linen, of high white Yarn, and of ſuch kinds and ſorts, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall from time to time appoint, according to Patterns to be ſent, and ſealed with their Seal: And on or before the ſaid firſt Day of May next, likewiſe erect and ſet up eleven good Looms, for the making of Sheeting and other kinds of Linen; the ſaid ſeventeen Looms to be kept conſtantly employed for ſeven years, from the ſaid firſt Day of May next, in the weaving and making of good and ſufficient Dowlaſſes, and other kinds of Linen above-mentioned; and to work up in the ſaid Looms, ten thouſand two hundred yards of ſuch Cloth every year, and ſend up yearly Certificates thereof, as aforeſaid; that then, and in ſuch caſe, the above obligation to be void, and of no effect, otherwiſe to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1713—14.

ORDERED, That Mr. Juſtice Coote, Mr. Waring, and Mr. Ford, or any two of them, be appointed as a Committee to examine into the Rates of Foreign and Iriſh Twine and Cordage; and that they be deſired to ſend for ſuch Fiſhermen and other perſons, as may give them proper informations therein.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do pay whatever the ſaid Committee ſhall appoint, as a recompence to ſuch perſons as ſhall be deſired to attend upon the Committee.

ORDERED, That Thomas Hall do make an enquiry into the price of Foreign and Iriſh Twine and Cordage, at Cork; and do ſend up an account thereof to the Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do pay to Garret Farrel, at the rate of 3s. per week, from the 17th November 1712, to this time; and to John Ulſter and William Forſter, at the rate of 1s. 6d; and that he do inform them, this Board will make them no farther allowance, they having now an opportunity to ſettle themſelves in the Factories now ſet up in this Kingdom.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1713—14.

The Board having ſupplied all perſons that did apply for Hemp-Seed before the 1ſt of December laſt,

RESOLVED, That this Board will not ſupply any others, upon the pretence of the failure of the old Seed.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Lord Mayor, and Overſeers of the Workhouſe, to ſee how far forth that Workhouſe may be made contributory to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1713—14.

A Letter from Ralph Wilſon, Eſq; relating to the complaint made againſt him by John Shepherd, for not condemning ſome narrow Cloth which Shepherd had ſeized, and the ſaid Letter ſetting forth, that what he had done, was through tenderneſs to poor people; but that he will, for the future, be very ſtrict in ſeeing the laws obſerved.

RESOLVED, that the Anſwer is to the ſatisfaction of the Board, and that this Board will not proceed any further therein.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ſt, 1713—14.

ORDERED, That it be inſerted in the Inſtructions to be given to the Itinerant Men, that each of the Itinerant Men do apply at every Aſſize, to the Judge of Aſſize, to appoint a proper Attorney where proſecutions are neceſſary; and, in the interval of Aſſizes, that the Itinerant Men do apply to the next Truſtee for his advice.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1713—14.

RESOLVED, That for an encouragement to the working up of Flaxen Dowlaſs of High White Yarn, that

James Bradſhaw, of Naas, and Richard Worm, of Carlow, engaging to keep at work four Looms, each ſhall have and receive one halfpenny a yard, for every yard of Dowlaſs not leſs than half-ell wide, nor leſs in value than nine-pence a yard, provided, that for each of the ſaid Looms, there be at leaſt five hundred yards wrought up within the year; and that it appear by ſuch methods as this Board ſhall preſcribe, that every one of the ſaid Looms has thrown out within the preceding year, a number of yards not leſs than five hundred, as aforeſaid.

RESOLVED, That as an encouragement to the making up conſiderable quantities of ſuch Dowlaſs, this Board will give the ſame allowances to ſuch other able and ſufficient undertakers, as ſhall agree to the terms above-mentioned.

RESOLVED, that this encouragement be given for three years, from the reſpective times of the undertakers entering into engagements for the due performance of what is here required.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1713—14.

The Petition of Abraham Fuller, jun. praying, that encouragement be given him for carrying on a Dowlaſs Manufacture at Kinnegad, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board will give him the encouragement promiſed in the laſt day's Reſolutions, for as much as he ſhall make in fourteen Looms, he giving Security, that he will not turn off any of his Looms from Sheeting, to the making of Dowlaſſes.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not give this encouragement to any one perſon for more than fourteen Looms.

MONDAY, MARCH 1ſt, 1713—14.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to James Bradſhaw, to prepare land, that is, freſh ground, and not gardens, for three hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed, about Naas; and do let him know, that this Board will pay him all the charges that ſhall attend the ſowing the Seed, and managing the produce fit for market; and that that this Board will, for his encouragement, give him half the profit that ſhall ariſe therefrom.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1ſt, 1714.

It appearing by Silas Didcock the Itinerant man's not having made any Returns, that he has neglected the buſineſs of his Diſtrict, and a complaint having been made by Coll. Sandford, that the ſaid Didcock had neglected his duty, in inſtructing the country, notwithſtanding repeated applications to him from the people, and orders from the Board,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Didcock be ſuſpended from his employment and ſalary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 1714.

RESOLVED, That all Salaries ſhall be cleared off at the 24th of June next, to that time; and that thereafter the payments ſhall be made to the uſual quarterly days.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th, 1714.

A Letter from Coll. Sandford, ſignifying his deſire, that the ſuſpenſion laid on Silas Didcock, be taken off, being read,

ORDERED, That his ſuſpenſion be accordingly taken off.

THURSDAY, JULY 8th, 1714.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of the Petition of Thomas Turner, and to report their opinion, being read, and Thomas Turner attending, and being called,

The Board offered to give him 50l. in hand, provided he would make public his art of whitening and clearing of Linen; and 50l. more, in caſe the country, upon further trial, did approve of his art; to be paid him within a year.

The ſaid Thomas Turner refuſed the ſaid offer.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1714.

The Petition of James Quin, of Carlow, Linen Damaſk Weaver, praying, that the Board will advance to him the 20l. which will become due at December next; purſuant to a former reſolution of the Board, in conſideration of his having ſet up two Damaſk Looms, at Lurgan, in order to make his art of Damaſk-weaving publick, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary do pay to him the ſaid 20l. and that he do write to him, to let him know, that the Board expects, that for the future, he do get a Certificate from the Itinerant man, of his having taught his art to ſuch perſons, as he ſhall pretend to have inſtructed; and no other Certificates to be allowed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1714.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Propoſal for increaſing the Spinning of Linen Yarn in this Kingdom, being read and approved of,

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed, to conſider what places in each Province, ſhall be the moſt proper to erect Spinning-Schools in, and report their Opinion to the Board; and prepare proper Inſtructions for the regulating and governing ſuch Schools.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1714.

A Letter from Silas Didcock, complaining of one Cornelius Neil, and others, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary acquaint Mr. Caldwell, Attorney for the Province of Connaught, with the ſaid Complaint, and know of him, what he thinks proper to be done therein; and that he write to Didcock: that the Board will ſupport him in what he has done, or ſhall legally do; and direct him to ſend up proper Examinations, taken before a Juſtice of the Peace, in order to the obtaining of the Lord Chief Juſtice's Warrant, to bring the Offender up to Town.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1714.

The Report from the Committee to whom the Propoſals relating to Spinning-Schools were recommitted, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board do deſire the ſame Committee to conſider, what are the proper encouragements to be given to the raiſing and ſpinning of Hemp; and report their Opinion to the Board.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture, finding that the laſt year's Hemp and Flaxſeed, have ſuffered very much by the extraordinary dryneſs of the ſummer, which retarded the growth thereof, theſe are to give Notice, that the

the ſaid Truſtees are willing to allow for the encouragement of ſuch as ſhall ſow Hemp or Flax-ſeed this ſeaſon, the Premiums hereafter mentioned: for each buſhel they ſhall ſow of Riga, or Dutch Hemp-ſeed, 2s. for each buſhel they ſhall ſow of Riga, or Dutch Flax-ſeed, 1s. and for each buſhel they ſhall ſow of Iriſh Hemp-ſeed, 1s. provided that ſuch perſons who intend to receive the benefit of ſuch Reward, do make Affidavit before ſome Juſtice of the Peace, that they ſowed the ſame; and upon producing ſuch Affidavit to the Collector of the Revenue, for the Diſtrict wherein ſuch Seed ſhall be ſown, ſuch perſon ſhall receive from him the Reward aforeſaid.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1714—15.

A Letter from the Overſeers of the Workhouſe of the County of the Town of Galway, ſetting forth, That they had appointed Joſeph Fowler to be Maſter of that Workhouſe, for the year 1715; and deſiring the concurrence of this Board therein; and that the Truſtees will apply to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, for the Premium allowed by Act of Parliament, to the Maſters of County Workhouſes,

RESOLVED, That it being contrary to the Rules of this Board, that an Itinerant man ſhould be Maſter of a Workhouſe, the Truſtees cannot comply with their requeſt therein; and as to the Premium to be paid to the Maſters of Workhouſes, that it does not properly lie before the Board; and they muſt therefore apply, as the Act of Parliament directs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1714—15.

A Letter from Mr. Dering being read, deſiring leave from the Truſtees, to reſign his place of Secretary, on his having an employment given him in England,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Alderſey write to him, to acquaint him with their entire ſatisfaction with his ſervices; and that they accept of his Reſignation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1714—15.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Chriſtopher Uſher be appointed Clerk to this Board, during their pleaſure.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Daniel Alderſey be appointed Clerk-aſſiſtant to this Board, during their pleaſure.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Clerk, have 55l. per annum for his Salary.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Clerk-Aſſiſtant have 25l. per annum for his Salary.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider on proper methods for raiſing and ſpinning of Hemp, being read,

RESOLVED, That 4s. per buſhel, be given as an encouragement for ſowing Foreign Hemp-ſeed; and 2s. per buſhel, for ſowing Hemp-ſeed of the growth of this Kingdom; and 2s. 6d. per hundred weight, to ſuch as ſhall work up the produce of either of them, till it be prepared for the Hatchell.

RESOLVED, That this Board, will give the following encouragements to ſuch perſons, as ſhall undertake and engage to provide a good School-houſe, and ſufficient Teacher in the Art of ſpinning Hemp; and conſtantly employ, in the ſpinning of Hempen Yarn, a number of perſons, not greater than twenty, nor leſs than twelve, not under ten years of age; and furniſh the ſaid Teacher, with ſufficient quantities of Hemp, for the conſtant employment of ſuch number of Spinners, as ſhall be inſtructed in ſuch Schools, viz.

1ſt. The benefit of the Hempen Yarn, ſpun to his or her own profit, in conſideration of the Hemp and School-houſe provided by them.

2d. Such number of Spinning-wheels provided at the public expence, as may be neceſſary, in proportion to the number of Spinners inſtructed in ſuch School.

3d. The Wheels to be diſtributed gratis among ſuch Spinners, as continue ſix Kalendar months to learn to ſpin in ſuch School.

4th. Six Shillings to each Spinner, that ſhall continue to learn to ſpin in ſuch School for ſix Kalendar Months, as wages to ſuch perſons as ſhall inſtruct him in the Art of Spinning.

5th. The ſaid Undertaker ſhall have 12d. per week, to be given to the parent or other perſon bringing ſuch Spinner to the School, towards cloathing and dieting ſuch Spinner.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1714—15.

A Complaint being made by Joſeph Fowler, that Mr. Blakeny has not done his duty in the execution of his office of Juſtice of the Peace,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Blakeny, to inform him of the ſaid Complaint; and deſire to have a State of the Caſe forthwith, before the Board proceed any further therein.

ORDERED, That the Secretary wait on Mr. Thomas Stanton, and deſire him in the name of the Board, to aſſiſt Fowler and Didcock at the next Aſſizes in the Counties of Galway and Roſcommon, in the Proſecutions againſt them, or either of them, in relation to the ſeizure of Linen Cloth, or Linen Yarn; and to aſſiſt them in having all Yarn and Linen ſeized by them, condemned by law; and apply to the Judges to puniſh the Juſtices of Peace that have failed in their duty, in relation to the Linen Acts; and to ſee what counſel he ſhall think proper; and let him know, that the Board will repay what charges he ſhall be at.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th, 1714—15.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to conſider the Engliſh Act of Parliament, relating to the Exportation of Linen, and draw up a repreſentation thereof, to be laid before the Government, in order to get a longer time for the exportation thereof.

Joſeph Fowler and Silas Didcock, having made a ſeizure of ſome Yarn in Thomas-ſtreet, which was expoſed to ſale, and made up contrary to Act of Parliament, and a Petition ſigned by ſeveral Weavers, ſetting forth, the diſadvantages they lie under from the making up of unſtatutable Yarn, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary wait on the Lord Mayor with the Acts of Parliament; and in the name of the Board, deſire his Lordſhip, to enquire into the Seizure made by the ſaid Fowler and Didcock, and diſpoſe of the ſame according to law, as ſpeedily as conveniently he can.

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Whereas, the Hon. the Truſtees, appointed by Act of Parliament for the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture, have appointed Itinerant Hemp and Flaxmen in each of the Provinces of this Kingdom, to give Inſtructions for the benefit of the country, to ſuch perſons as ſhall deſire their aſſiſtance,

aſſiſtance, in the well-ordering of Hemp and Flax, and have given them particular directions to ſeize ſuch Cloth and Yarn, as they ſhall find expoſed to ſale, made up contrary to the ſaid Acts, in order to have the ſame condemned by a Juſtice of Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, of the City or Town where ſuch ſeizure ſhall be made.

Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Truſtees will, to the utmoſt of their power, ſupport the ſaid Itinerant men, and all other His Majeſty's ſubjects, in putting the ſaid Acts in execution; and will proſecute the offenders with the utmoſt rigour of law.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the ſeveral Itinerants, to enquire, whether the perſons within their ſeveral Diſtricts, who have entered into contract with the Board, for carrying on Hempen or Flaxen Manufactures, have performed their parts thereof, and lay the State of the ſaid Manufactures before the Board.

The Propoſal of Thomas Turner, for the better bleaching of Cloth and Yarn, for the improving Flax and Hemp, and keeping Flax-ſeed from degenerating, being read, and alſo the Reſolution of the Board, dated the 8th July laſt, on a former Propoſal of his, and upon conſideration of what ſatisfaction he formerly and now has given of his arts aforeſaid,

RESOLVED, That this Board will give him 50l. in hand, in conſideration of his immediately publiſhing his new methods aforeſaid; and alſo employ him in viſiting the ſeveral Bleach-yards in this Kingdom, allowing him the ſame ſalary of an Itinerant man, from Lady-day next; and upon his giving them further ſatisfaction, and proper Certificates of the benefits and advantages that ſhall accrue to the Kingdom thereby, will give him ſuch further Reward as he ſhall deſerve.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, 1715.

Whereas, two of the Itinerant Hemp and Flaxmen, Fowler and Didcock, have been at conſiderable expences, by ſtaying in Town to attend the Lord Mayor, to procure his Lordſhip's condemnation of ſome unſtatutable Yarn ſeized by them, which he the ſaid Lord Mayor for a long time put off and delayed, and at laſt entirely diſcharged, though made up contrary to Act of Parliament, as appears by the Affidavit of the ſaid Fowler and Didcock, which was laid this day before the Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay to each of them, the ſaid Fowler and Didcock, the ſum of 5l. in conſideration of the charges they have been at, in the ſeizure of the ſaid Yarn, as appears by the Affidavit aforeſaid.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1715.

The Board being ſenſible of the great abuſe in not making up Linen Cloth and Yarn, according to Act of Parliament, in the Markets of Drogheda,

ORDERED, That the Itinerant Man, Richard Hall, do frequently attend thoſe Markets, to proſecute all perſons who ſhall offend in ſuch manner; and that the Secretary do acquaint him thereof.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1715.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Rogers's Petition, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

That he have the ſame encouragement that has been given in the like caſes, on his entering into contract, to erect a Bleach-houſe, make a Bleach-yard, and ſet up Looms for making Sail-cloth, Hollands and Diapers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1715.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Alderſey be employed by this Board, to ſolicit and receive ſuch money, as the Chief Baron and Barons of the Exchequer ſhall impower this Board to receive out of the Forfeitures that have ariſen, or ſhall ariſe, by virtue of the Woollen Act made in England, and applicable to the uſe of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom; and that he be allowed 2s. in the pound, for what money he ſhall ſo receive on account thereof; but if the ſaid allowance ſhall amount to above 30l. per annum, he is to have but 1s. in the pound, for as much as ſhall exceed what produces the ſaid 30l. per annum.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1715.

RESOLVED, That whatever Bonds for the ſecurity of Contracts, ſhall be entered into by perſons with this Board, be taken in the name of the Clerk or his Succeſſor, in truſt for the Board; and that all Bonds already taken, be renewed in the manner aforeſaid.

ORDERED, That Captain Pratt, and Mr. Ward, be appointed to wait on the Barons of the Exchequer, to deſire them to give this Board a Power to diſpoſe of the Forfeitures ariſing on the Woollen Acts, to the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture.

ORDERED, That Captain Pratt, Mr. Ward, and Mr. William Burgh, be deſired to conſider of the Proceedings of this Board, in order to lay them before the Parliament; as likewiſe to draw up a Memorial of what will be neceſſary to deſire of the Parliament, for the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1715—16.

The Board reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Board, to take into conſideration the Petition of Lewis Cromelin; and having diſcourſed Mr. Cromelin, how far he could be farther inſtrumental in improving the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, he did engage as a further improvement thereof, to ſet forward the making of Lawns, Cambrick, Threads, Tapes; and to that end, would ſend over for proper workmen and utenſils, the Board engaging to allow him 100l. for that ſervice, if the charge be ſo great, and that he would oblige himſelf to be at all further charges and expences attending the ſame and they taking into conſideration his offer of officiating as Superviſor General, and alſo paſt ſervices to the Linen Manufacture, came to the following Report thereon:

To His Grace CHARLES Duke of GRAFTON, and His Excellency HENRY Earl of GALWAY, Lords Juſtices General, and General Governors of Ireland.

May it pleaſe your Excellencies,

In obedience to your Excellencies Order of Reference, on the Petition of Lewis Cromelin, ſetting forth his ſervices in relation to the eſtabliſhing the Linen Manufactures in this Kingdom; and the encouragement given by his late Majeſty King William, and her late Majeſty Queen Anne, for promoting and carrying on the

the ſame; with the advantage of a Colony of ſeveral families, ſkilful in the ſaid Manufactures, brought over by the ſaid Cromelin; and praying a further recompenſe and encouragement, for the further ſervices he propoſes to perform therein; we have conſidered the ſame, and humbly report to your Excellencies, that we find, that by direction of his late Majeſty King William, in the twelfth year of his reign, a Petition was paſſed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, appointing Truſtees for carrying on and improving the Linen Manufacture, wherein the ſum of 800l. a year, was appointed for the intereſt of 10,000l. to be advanced by the ſaid Lewis Cromelin or his Procurement, as a ſtock for carrying on the ſame; as alſo 200l. per annum, to be paid the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, for his pains and care in carrying on the ſaid work; and 120l. per annum more, for three Aſſiſtants; and alſo 60l. per annum, for a French Miniſter, to be continued during pleaſure; which Grant, by the death of his late Majeſty, did expire.

WE further find, that her late Majeſty Queen Anne, was likewiſe pleaſed of her Royal Bounty, to grant Letters Patent for carrying on and encouraging the ſaid Work; wherein it is provided, that, in regard no part of the ſaid 10,000l. has been advanced in ſpecie, the ſeveral ſorts of new Looms brought into the Kingdom by the ſaid Cromelin and Colony, by conſent and approbation of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhould be accepted as a ſtock; and liberty therein given, during the term of the ſaid Grant, being for ten years from Midſummer 1702, to allow as capital ſtock, in like manner, the charge of any of the reſpective ſorts of ſuch new Looms, that ſhould be brought in by any perſons, as well Foreigners as Natives, by conſent of the ſaid Truſtees; and the ſaid perſons were to be allowed at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, for the charge of ſuch Looms, out of the ſum of 1180l. granted annually by the ſaid laſt Letters Patents, allowance being thereunto made for ſalaries, in like manner as in the former, amounting to 380l. per annum.

It appears likewiſe to us, that the Truſtees appointed by the recited Letters Patents, did, in a juſt and equal manner, perform the ſeveral Conditions and Agreements made with the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, in behalf of himſelf, his aſſiſtants and Colony; and it further appears, that the ſaid Cromelin and Colony, have been very ſerviceable, and greatly inſtrumental, in the improving and propagating the Flaxen Manufacture, in the North part of this Kingdom; and that the perfection to which the ſame is brought in that part of the Country, is very much owing to the ſkill and induſtry of the ſaid Cromelin.

It further appears to us, that the Patent granted by her late Majeſty Queen Ann, did expire at Midſummer 1712.

We crave leave thereupon, to repreſent to your Excellencies, that the ſum already granted by Act of Parliament, for the encouraging the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, is far ſhort of the ſum requiſite to carry on the ſame, in any proportion to the expences of the country, and ſervices propoſed thereby: Wherefore, we think it our duty to addreſs ourſelves to your Excellencies, humbly deſiring your Excellencies, to apply to His Majeſty for a penſion of 400l. per annum, for the ſaid Mr. Lewis Cromelin, in conſideration of all the expences he has been at, and the ſervices he has already done, and hereafter propoſes to do, to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufacture of this Kingdom; putting the ſaid Mr. Cromelin, under the direction and government of the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to be their Superviſor of all the Manufactures of this Kingdom; and to be ready to execute all other commands he ſhall receive from them.

And whereas a Colony of French Proteſtants, and their Paſtor, have been brought into this Kingdom, and ſettled at Liſnegarvy, purſuant to the encouragement given the ſaid Lewis Cromelin, by the late King William; and that by ſubſequent Letters Patents from King William and the late Queen Ann, proviſion was made of 60l. per annum, for a French Proteſtant Paſtor, to take on him the care of ſouls, and adminiſtration of divine ſervice, to the ſaid Colony of French Proteſtants.

We therefore think ourſelves obliged to deſire your Excellencies, to make the like application for the penſion of 60l per annum, for the French Miniſter of that Colony; to be allowed him from hence-forward, as alſo for the time elapſed, ſince the expiration of the late Patent.

And whereas, in his Petition, there is application made for the ſum of 120l. for three Aſſiſtants, we are humbly of opinion, that the care we have long ſince taken, by providing Itinerant Men in each Province, to fulfil the ends for which they were intended, have rendered that expence entirely needleſs.

We have likewiſe, in obedience to your Excellencies Order of Reference, dated the 7th of this Inſtant, read and examined the Petitions of William Cromelin; and are ready to come into any reaſonable Propoſals he ſhall make, for the advantage of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures; and will give him the ſaid encouragement that we have generally given other people.

Then the Board reaſſumed itſelf, and the Report being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree to the ſaid Report.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1716.

ORDERED, That Thomas Turner do immediately go to the Bleach-yards in Kinnegad, Coote-Hill, Monaghan, Waringſtown, Liſburn, Antrim, and the neighbouring Bleach-yards, to give Inſtructions in his new method of bleaching Yarn and Cloth.

ORDERED, That the Secretary apply to the Lord Mayor, to have Proclamations poſted up in the ſeveral Markets in Dublin, that ſuch Yarn or Cloth as ſhall be brought there, made up contrary to Act of Parliament, will be ſeized.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the Mayor and Recorder of Drogheda, to deſire them to poſt up Advertiſements to the ſame effect; and to put the laws in execution againſt ſuch as ſhall offend therein.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1716.

The Propoſal of Alborough Wrightſon, being read, for ſetting up twelve Looms at Monaghan, to be employed on Flaxen Dowlaſs, if this Board will give encouragement for ſetting up the ſame,

RESOLVED, That this Board will give them one penny per yard, (from Lady-day laſt), for ſuch Dowlaſs as they ſhall turn out of the ſaid Looms, of $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ quarter broad, provided the encouragement does not exceed 40l. per annum.

MONDAY, APRIL 16th, 1716.

The Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Aſton's Propoſals of making Pot-aſh of Furze, &c. having made their Report thereon,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree to the ſaid Report; and that a Warrant be drawn to pay the ſaid Mr. Aſton 10l. to defray the expence of his firſt experiment in making Pot-aſh.

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This is to give Notice, to all whom it may concern, that the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, being deſirous to encourage the making of Dowlaſs Linen, will hereafter give the following encouragement to ſuch perſons, as ſhall enter into contract with them for the making the ſame, viz. One penny per yard for the making of Flaxen Dowlaſs of High White Yarn, of a proper breadth; and one penny halfpenny per yard, for Hempen Dowlaſs: If any perſon has a mind to undertake the ſame, they are deſired to ſend their Propoſals to Mr. Chriſtopher Uſher.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th, 1716.

Joſeph Fowler's Letter and Diary being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Fowler, to let him know, that the Board are ſurpriſed, that after the ſeveral encouragements he has had on account of Seizures, he ſhould ſtill continue to make application for a further gratuity, and make ſuch complaints of his being needy, that it is not for the credit of the Board to employ ſuch a perſon; that he ſtate his caſe to him, and tell him, that the Board take notice, that he hath not ſaid what it is he further applies to them for; and that it is neceſſary he get a horſe, elſe he cannot do his duty in his Circuit.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the Recorder of Drogheda, that the Board expected to have had an Anſwer to the Letter ſent to the Mayor of Drogheda; and to deſire he would let the Board know what he did with the Advertiſement the Secretary ſent him to be poſted up.

MONDAY, APRIL 30th, 1716.

Mr. Smith of Moyvore, his Letter being read, in anſwer to a Letter wrote to him by the Secretary, relative to an Ingredient he has found out for the better bleaching of Cloth,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to him, to ſend up a quantity of the Ingredient he makes uſe of in Bleaching, ſufficient to bleach four pieces of Cloth, and Directions how to uſe the ſame; and that he ſend word, whether the expence of bleaching therewith, be greater or leſs than the common way of Bleaching; and this Board will pay him for it and the charge of carriage; and upon a trial of it, if it anſwers what he propoſes, that they will give him a ſuitable Reward on making the ſame public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2d, 1716.

Mr. Aſton having informed the Board, that he was ready to proceed in the experiment of making Pot-aſhes,

RESOLVED, that next Wedneſday Sen'night, being the 13th Inſtant, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, be the time appointed for his making his ſaid Experiment; and that the Secretary ſummon all the Members of this Board to be preſent at the ſame; and that he alſo acquaint Mr. Maple, Chymiſt, thereof.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th, 1716.

Mr. Brydges's Letter being read, in relation to ſetting the Room in Cork Houſe to the Truſtees,

ORDERED, That the Secretary acquaint Mr. Brydges, that on his making ſuch Alterations in the ſaid Room as he there propoſes, this Board will give him after the rate of 16l. per annum, from Lady-day laſt, and ſix months Notice before they leave the ſame; and that they expect the like Notice from him, before he ſet it to any other tenant.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th, 1716.

Whereas, by an Act of Parliament paſſed the laſt Seſſions, there was a power given to this Board, to augment the Salaries of their Clerk, Clerk Aſſiſtant, &c. with any ſum or ſums of money not exceeding 50l. per annum,

ORDERED, That the ſaid 50l. be divided between the Clerk and Clerk Aſſiſtant, in the proportion following, viz. 35l. per annum to the Clerk, and 15l. per annum to the Clerk Aſſiſtant.

SATURDAY, JULY 14th, 1716.

The Board being credibly informed, that Thomas Hall, Itinerant Man at Cork, bought Flax-ſeed of a former year's growth, at an eaſy rate, and diſpoſed of it to the country; and it appearing, that the Seed imported by the Board did not go off, and that he has not taken the care he ought, in the diſpoſal of the ſaid Seed, purſuant to his Orders and Inſtructions,

ORDERED, That he be ſuſpended from his office of Itinerant Man; and that the Secretary acquaint him thereof.

SATURDAY, JULY 21ſt, 1716.

ORDERED, That the Secretary take care to have Proceſs iſſued on Jonathan Hewit's Bond; and that he wait on Mr. Ward, to deſire his advice as to the manner.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1716.

His Excellency the Earl of Galway, having been pleaſed to give leave, that his name may be made uſe of to the Lord Mayor of this City, that the Flax and Hemp-ſeed belonging to the Truſtees, and now in the Cuſtom-houſe, may be lodged in the Workhouſe,

ORDERED, That the Clerk wait on the Lord Mayor, and deſire him to give proper Directions for receiving the ſaid Seed at the Workhouſe.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1716.

The Clauſe of John Dening's Diary, (Itinerant Man for the Province of Ulſter), relating to one Jacob Anderſon, of Dungannon, being read, in which he ſays, that the ſaid Anderſon makes uſe of Lime in Bleaching, and perſiſted in ſo doing, ſaying, he would bleach with what ſtuff he pleaſed; and that Mr. Knox deſiring that no Proſecution ſhould be made, till the Board was adviſed of it, the ſaid Dening did not proceed any further therein,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Dening, that this Board have taken notice of the ſaid Clauſe; and have given him directions to write to Mr. Knox of Dungannon, that if Anderſon is again guilty of the like offence, they will take care to have him proſecuted according to law.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1716.

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Mr. Robert Peaſe, Merchant, in Limerick, that there being a Propoſal made of furniſhing the Truſtees with ſeveral hundred firkins of Dutch

Dutch Black Soap, of about ſixty pounds each, Dutch weight, at a certain rate; but they being inclined rather to encourage the making of Black Soap in this Kingdom, deſire to know, whether he will undertake the making the ſame? and what price he will ſell it for at Limerick, Cork, and Dublin?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ſt, 1716.

Mr. Peaſe's Letter relating to the making of Black Soap, being read,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to him, to deſire, that as ſoon as he is informed of the price he can have the Aſhes at, that he let the Board know, what he will afford ſuch Soap for, that is made of the Oil of Hemp-ſeed or Flax-ſeed; and what quantities he will deliver at Limerick, Cork, and Dublin; and that he will likewiſe inform them, which is the beſt, that which is made of the Oil of Flax-ſeed, or Hemp-ſeed; and what he can afford to give per buſhel, for the Hemp-ſeed and Flax-ſeed he makes uſe of.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1716.

The Committee appointed to conſider the Propoſal of Patrick Sandys, and proper Regulations for the County Workhouſes, made the following Report:

As to Patrick Sandys's Propoſal, we are of opinion, that he have the encouragement of one penny per yard, for making Flaxen Dowlaſs of High White Yarn, for one year, on his taking the Oath required, provided the ſaid Reward be for no more than five thouſand yards; and that a Pattern be ſent him to make his Dowlaſſes by.

In order to make the Work-houſe of the City of Dublin, ſerviceable to the Hempen Manufacture, your Committee are of opinion, that it will be a prudent application of ſome part of the public money ariſing from the Wool Seizures, to provide a reaſonable quantity of tools and materials, for working up Hemp, for the employment of the poor in the ſaid Workhouſe, to be under ſuch Regulations as this Board ſhall think fit; and that the Overſeers of that Houſe be deſired to let this Board know, the number of perſons capable of being employed in that Manufacture.

That upon application from the Work-houſe, a ton of Hemp be bought, by order of this Board, and delivered to the Maſter of the Work-houſe, to be by him diſtributed to ſuch of the poor in the ſaid Houſe, as ſhall be employed in working up the ſame.

That the Spinning-wheels, and other Inſtruments in the ſaid Work-houſe, proper to be employed in the Hempen Manufacture, be forthwith repaired.

Your Committee think it proper, that encouragement be given for ſowing a quantity of Hemp-ſeed in a convenient place near the City of Dublin, beſides the encouragement propoſed for the ſeveral Counties; and that a Hemp-mill be built near the ſaid City, in ſuch place as the Board ſhall think fit.

Your Committee have drawn up the following Advertiſement, of the encouragement to be given to the Sowers of Foreign Hemp-ſeed and Flax-ſeed, which they think proper to be immediately ſent to the Itinerant Men, that they may return an account or liſt of ſuch perſons within each of the Diſtricts they are aſſigned to, the moſt capable of undertaking and managing the ſame; and that they be directed to make their returns, by the 20th of October next.

Advertiſement for ſowing Hemp-ſeed and Flax-ſeed.

The Truſtees for the Linen and Hempen Manufacture, being willing to encourage the raiſing great quantities of Hemp and Flax, of the growth of Foreign Seed within this Kingdom, are willing to agree with one ſufficient perſon in each County, that will contract with them to ſow ſix plantation acres of freſh ground with Hemp-ſeed; (of which, half an acre at leaſt to be together, and the whole within the compaſs of three miles) and with one other ſufficient perſon in each county, that will contract with them to ſow eight plantation acres of freſh ground with Flax-ſeed, of which two acres at leaſt to be together, and the whole within the compaſs of two miles, on the conditions hereafter mentioned.

1ſt. They will give to each Contracter, the full quantity of Seed, viz. for Hempſeed, five buſhels per acre, and twenty ſhillings per acre in money; and for Flax-ſeed, viz. four buſhels per acre, and ten ſhillings per acre in money; the Seed to be delivered to them in due time at the Ports, when it ſhall arrive within the ſeveral Provinces; and the money to be paid, when the Hemp or Flax is pulled, upon affidavit of the party contracting, or ſome other credible perſon, and likewiſe upon the certificate of one of the Itinerant men, employed by the ſaid Truſtees, of the quantity of ground ſown and approved of, as meaſured by him; who is to aſſiſt with his utmoſt ſkill, ſuch perſons ſo contracting.

2d. That for the ſecond year, they will give the ſame perſon or perſons, at the rate of forty ſhillings per acre for Hemp, and at the rate of thirty ſhillings per acre for Flax, upon like affidavit and certificate: for ſowing a quantity of freſh ground, not exceeding nine plantation acres, nor under ſix, for Hemp, and for Flax, not exceeding twelve acres, nor leſs than eight, with good foreign Seed, or with the produce of ſuch firſt year's Seed, well ſaved, one moiety to be paid when the Hemp-ſeed or Flax-ſeed is ſown, and the other when the Hemp or Flax is pulled.

3d. The perſons contracting ſhall be obliged, on their parts, to ſtack and preſerve, each year, half the produce of ſuch land with the Seed, until ſowing-time next Spring, and procure a good Hemp-dreſſer or Flax-dreſſer againſt the proper ſeaſon for working, and engage to retain him, or ſome other ſufficiently qualified in that art, for the breaking, hackling, and dreſſing the produce of ſuch Hemp or Flax, till the ſame be entirely finiſhed; and the ſaid Truſtees will, at their proper expence, order to ſuch perſons, a compleat ſet of tools for breaking, hackling, and dreſſing, upon ſecurity to return the ſame, or others of the like ſort, in proper condition and order, at the expiration of the contract, if required.

4th. That each Contractor ſhall be obliged, with ſurety, to ſow all the Seed to him delivered by the order of the Truſtees, in proper ground; and punctually to perform the reſt of his contract each year.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Counties in the Province of Leinſter be ſupplied with Seed at Dublin; thoſe in Munſter, at Cork and Limerick; thoſe in Connaught, at Athlone; thoſe in Ulſter, at Belfaſt and Derry; all which, together with the particulars in this Report before-mentioned, is humbly ſubmitted to the further conſideration of this Honourable Board.

Which Report was read, paragraph by paragraph, and agreed to by the Board.

ORDERED, That the Clerk ſend to the Itinerants by this night's poſt, a Copy of the Advertiſements of the encouragements this Board has agreed to give to the Sowers of Foreign Seed; with directions immediately to ſet about this matter, to endeavour to find out the fitteſt ground, and ſufficient perſons for the Board to agree with, in each County within his Diſtrict; and to act therein, without favour or affection to any, but entirely to conſult the Public ſervice in it, and report to the Board, their Proceedings for each County, as ſoon as poſſible; and the laſt return to be made, by the 19th of October, without fail; and that they acknowledge the receipt of theſe Inſtructions, per firſt poſt.

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Thomas Hall, that ſome perſons having ſpoke in his favour to this Board, and they believing he will clear himſelf of what was laid to his charge, have agreed to take off the ſuſpenſion he lay under.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1716.

Mr. Cromelin having brought a piece of Stained Linen to the Board for their approbation,

RESOLVED, That this Board do buy the ſaid piece, in order to try how the ſame will waſh; and that the Secretary pay him thirty-two ſhillings and eight-pence for it; and that the Printer and Stainer of the Cloth, do attend this Board next Meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1716.

Several Letters from the Itinerant Men being read, in anſwer to that wrote to them by the Secretary, in relation to the ſowing of Foreign Seed, by which it appeared, that the quantity of Hemp-ſeed allowed by the Board for each plantation acre, is too little,

ORDERED, That the Secretary ſend to each of the Itinerant Men, a Copy of the Contract as now agreed to by the Board, and acquaint them, that they will allow one buſhel per acre more for the Hemp, the next Seaſon.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22d, 1716.

The Propoſal of Patrick Murphy of Dallcotton, for ſowing ſix acres of Hemp near Dundalk, and ſeveral other Propoſals of like nature, being read,

ORDERED, That they lie on the Table, till the Returns are received from the Itinerants.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1716.

The Extract of the Returns from the Itinerants, of the ſeveral perſons in each County that have proper ground for Hemp and Flax, and are willing to ſow the ſame upon the encouragement offered by the Board, being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Extract, with the original Returns of the Itinerants, and all other Papers that have been, or may be received on that head, be referred to a Committee; who are deſired to report to the Board, the proper perſons in each County for the Board to contract with; and that they meet on Monday next, at five o'Clock, and ſit de die in diem, till they have gone through the whole Returns and Papers; and that any three of the Truſtees be this Committee.

ORDERED, That Mr. Corneil be deſired to go to Roſſcarbury, and take a ſurvey of the Hemp-mill, and Houſe for keeping of Hemp-ſeed, built by Brigadier Freke, and ſend up the dimenſions of them; particularly, how many Stampers the Mill has, together with an Eſtimate of the Rates of ſuch Buildings in that Country.

That he alſo make the beſt enquiry he can, whether the Mill can beat Hemp well and effectually; and how much in twenty-four hours; and whether the Houſe be proper for keeping of Hemp-ſeed in good condition; and how much it can ſo keep; and that the Itinerant Men be ordered to attend him.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1716.

It appearing to the Board, by the Returns of the Itinerant Men, that there are ſeveral Counties which as yet have no Undertakers for the Hemp and Flax propoſed to be ſown by this Board,

ORDERED, That further time be given to all Propoſers for the ſaid Undertaking, to the 19th of this Inſtant November; and if at that time, there are no Propoſals made, that any perſons be accepted that ſhall make application to this Board.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ſt, 1716.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Thomas Hall, that his Letter of the Importation of French Canvas, being laid before the Board, and having been preſented to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, they have taken the ſame into their conſideration, and will take care to prevent ſuch practices for the future.

ORDERED, That Mr. Pratt and Mr. Campbell, be deſired to wait on the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, to deſire them to direct the Accomptant-General, to give the allowance to this Board, for all Seizures of Goods, the duties whereof are applicable to the improvement of the Hempen and Linen Manufacture, by Act of Parliament.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1716.

RESOLVED, That all Committees, for the future, be impowered to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, as they ſhall think proper; and in caſe there ſhould not a ſufficient number meet, to adjourn the Committee, that the Secretary have a diſcretionary power to iſſue Summons for their meeting, ſome day before the next Board.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1716.

RESOLVED, That ſuch perſons as ſhall hereafter have Schools granted them by this Board, ſhall ſet them up within three months after ſuch Grant, elſe they ſhall not have any allowance from this Board.

ORDERED, That Thomas Turner do immediately take care to prepare an acre of ſuch ground, as Captain Pratt ſhall ſet out to him, for ſowing of Hemp-ſeed, by digging and dunging the ſame; and that he proſecute the whole buſineſs of ſowing and managing the Hemp, at the expence of this Board.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1716.

RESOLVED, That this Board will give the Hemp-ſeed and Flax-ſeed undiſpoſed of, gratis, to any perſon who will undertake to ſow the ſame, in proper ground, without any other encouragement; and enter into Bonds of double the value of the Seed, to that purpoſe.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, December 29th, 1716.

Resolved, That the buying of Hemp, the female only ſtripped from the ſtalk, at 17s. per hundred, and the male only ſtripped from the ſtalk, at 16s. per hundred; and ſo in proportion for a greater or leſs quantity, and Hemp well beaten and ſwingled, ſo as to be clear from the ſtalks, at 1l. 2s. per hundred for the female, and 1l. 1s. for the male, and ſo in proportion for a greater or leſs quantity, will keep the Market for Hemp at a reaſonable rate; and that theſe rates commence from 1ſt day of February 1717, that due time may be allowed for ſtacking, watering, and breaking of it, before it be brought to Market.

SATURDAY, January 5th, 1716—17.

Report from the Committee appointed to conſider Regulations and Inſtructions for Spinning-ſchools, agreed to, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Secretary ſend one of them, when printed, to each of the Truſtees, and let them know, that the Board deſire, they will be pleaſed, from time to time, to viſit the Manufactures and Spinning-ſchools in their neighbourhood, and tranſmit an account of the conditions thereof to this Board.

Ordered, That ſaid Committee be deſired to ſit again, in order to conſider of the other matters already referred to them; and alſo, they will give their opinion of the uſefulneſs of Sleaing-ſcales.

Ordered, That Mr. Beaumont have Notice to attend the ſaid Committee, with a pair of the ſaid Scales.

SATURDAY, January 12th, 1716—17.

The Report of the Committee on Peaſe's Letter, and to whom ſeveral other matters were referred, was read and agreed to, and is as follows:

As to the encouragement of perſons to take Apprentices for dreſſing of Hemp and Flax, your Committee are of opinion, that Richard Webb, have an allowance of forty ſhillings for each Apprentice he ſhall take, not exceeding four; and that Bryan Kennedy and Edward Duggan, be two of them.

As to Mr. Peaſe's Letter, in which he propoſes the making of Black Soap in this Kingdom, the Committee cannot find that it will be of any ſervice to the Linen Manufacture, it not exceeding either in goodneſs or cheapneſs, what is already made here; and therefore, do not think it reaſonable to come into Mr. Peaſe's Propoſal; and are of opinion, that a letter be wrote to him by the Secretary, to acquaint him therewith.

The Regulations of the Spinning-Schools.

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration the Regulations to be obſerved by ſuch perſons, as ſhall ſet up Spinning ſchools for Hemp and Flax, on the encouragement given by the Board of Truſtees, and to whom ſeveral other matters were referred, have met and conſidered the ſame; and are of opinion, that any perſon who ſhall deſire to ſet up a Spinning-ſchool, ſhall give in to the Board, a Propoſal ſigned, ſignifying, in what County, Barony, and Pariſh, the ſaid School is to be erected.

2. That the ſaid School, if granted by the Board, ſhall be ſet up the next Quarter Day, after the date of the Order.

3d. That, upon an Affidavit of the Maſter or Miſtreſs, that there are a proper number of Scholars (viz. not leſs than twelve, nor more than twenty) ready to be taught, being produced to the Board, they will grant an Order for a ſuitable number of Wheels.

4th, That at the end of each quarter, the perſons that ſet up each School, ſhall ſend up an affidavit of the Maſter or Miſtreſs, and a Certificate of the Miniſter of the Pariſh, or next Juſtice of Peace, what number of Scholars have been actually and well taught that quarter; upon which, the Board will grant an Order for paying the Allowance for that Quarter, provided ſuch number be not leſs than twelve, nor above twenty.

5th, That for the future, no School ſhall be granted for more than one year.

6th. That for the future, ſuch Hemp-ſchools as ſhall be ſet up, in which they ſhall teach to ſpin from the Rock only, ſhall have the ſame Allowance as has been already given to Flax-ſchools; but ſuch as ſhall ſpin Hemp from the Waſte, ſhall have the encouragement which is already given to Hempen-ſchools.

The Committee think it proper, for the better regulation of the Spinning-ſchools, that the following Inſtructions ſhould be added to the Inſtructions of the Itinerant Men.

1ſt. That they ſhall viſit all Spinning-ſchools within their reſpective Diſtricts, at leaſt once a Quarter.

2d. That they make a roll of the names of each Scholar, their age, and time of entrance in ſuch Schools.

3d. That they give Inſtructions to the Spinning-maſter or Miſtreſs, that they keep a faithful account of ſuch ſcholars as are abſent, and on what days, which is to be given the Itinerant Man at each viſitation, to be returned by him to the Board, that Deductions may be made for the time of their abſence.

4th. That they enquire into the cauſe of ſuch abſence.

5th. That at each time they viſit, they take a dozen of the beſt and worſt ſpun Yarn in each School, ſeal it up, and diſpoſe it ſo, that they may have it to compare with ſuch Yarn, as they ſhall find at their next viſitation, in order to know what progreſs is made in each School.

6th. That they ſtrictly obſerve, that the Wheels and other materials are well prepared, and kept in good order.

7th. That no Itinerant Man ſhall viſit the Schools in his Diſtrict on certain days, but ſhall vary the day of the week and month.

8th. That they take a particular account of the number and weight of the dozens of Yarn ſpun in each School, between each viſitation, and the value thereof.

9th. That they keep in all points, an exact account of the ſtate of each School, which they are to tranſmit to the Board.

Encouragement given by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to ſuch perſons as ſhall engage to provide a School-houſe, and a good Spinning-miſtreſs; and continually employ in ſpinning Linen Yarn, a number of children not greater than twenty, nor leſs than twelve, between the ages of eight and fourteen years; and furniſh the Miſtreſs with ſufficient quantities of Flax, for the conſtant employment of ſuch number of children, as ſhall be inſtructed in ſuch School, ſhall receive the following encouragement:

1ſt. The benefit of the Yarn, ſpun by ſuch children to his or her own profit, in conſideration of the Flax and School-houſe provided by them.

2d. Such number of Spinning-wheels, provided at the public expence, to be diſtributed among ſuch children, gratis, as ſhall continue one whole year in ſuch School, as may be neceſſary in proportion to the number of children inſtructed in ſuch School.

3d. Such Undertaker, ſhall have 6s. a year for each child to be inſtructed in ſuch School, as wages for the Miſtreſs who ſhall inſtruct them in the Art of Spinning.

4th. Such Undertaker ſhall have 6d. a week, to be given to the parent of each child, towards cloathing and dieting ſuch child he ſends.

The encouragement given by the Truſtees, to ſuch as ſhall, for the future, ſet up Schools for Spinning Hemp from the Rock, will be the ſame as is above-mentioned for the Flax.

Such perſons as ſhall ſet up a Hempen-ſchool to inſtruct perſons to ſpin Hemp from the waſte, a number not greater than twenty, nor leſs than twelve, nor under ten years of age, ſhall receive the encouragement offered Wedneſday, January 26th, 1714—15.

SATURDAY, January 19th, 1716—17.

The Memorial of the Maſter and Wardens of the Corporation of Sadlers and Rope-makers, being read,

Resolved, That this Board will ſupport the Corporation of Sadlers and Rope-makers, in putting the Law in execution for preventing the working up and covering of old Hemp and Cordage, with new Hemp or Tow; and that the Maſter of the ſaid Corporation, be deſired to have Examinations given before a Juſtice of Peace, of the ſaid abuſe.

Mr. Uſher having deſired leave to go for England for three months,

Resolved, That he have leave to go accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander Neſbit be for the future employed as an Attorney in the Exchequer to this Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary be impowered from this Board, to give Notice to Mr. Brydges, that they have no further uſe for his Room on Cork-Hill.

SATURDAY, January 26th, 1716—17.

We the Committee appointed to draw up Inſtructions for Richard Hall, and to whom Sedgwick's Propoſals, and ſeveral other matters were referred, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that the following Inſtructions be given Richard Hall, when he goes to England, to buy Hatchells, by order of this Board.

Mr. HALL,

You are to repair with all convenient ſpeed, to Coventry, and buy as many Hatchells as you can get ready made, not exceeding thirty ſetts for Hemp, and thirty ſetts for Flax, and ſend over one ſet of each as ſoon as poſſible; and there being a ſort of Hatchells you repreſent as very fine, you are likewiſe to bring over a ſet of thoſe alſo, for the ſervice of the Board.

If you can meet with a Workman well ſkilled in the Art of making right, good Hatchells, you are to let Mr. Alderſey know, on what terms he will be willing to come over and ſettle in this Kingdom.

You are not to take any notice, that you are ſent from Ireland on this Errand, but act herein as privately as you can, and as if it were on your own account.

Having diſcourſed James Sedgwick, upon his Propoſal of the number of Apprentices he would take, and the expence he muſt be at in ſetting up three or four Looms, one to go with ſix or eight pieces of Girth Web at once; and for providing a Twiſting-mill, and other neceſſary materials for carrying on his Work, he informed the Committee, that the charge of a Loom to go for ſix or eight pieces of Girth Web at once, will be 5l. a Twiſting-mill for Hemp, 3l. a Braſs Callendar, 5l. Steel Reeds with Harneſſes, 3l. and three Looms for Broad Girth Web, at 2l. each, is 6l. the whole 22l. And he did propoſe to us, that if the Board will be pleaſed to allow him the ſaid ſum of 22l. he would engage to provide the four Looms and Twiſting-mill, with other materials above-mentioned; and to take ſix apprentices, and fully inſtruct them in the art of making Girth-Webs of all kinds, Linen Belts and Bridles, with coarſe Tickens for Horſe-Cloths: On conſideration of the whole, the Committee are of opinion, that upon his entering into a Contract for the performance of the ſaid Propoſal, it will be reaſonable to advance him the ſum of 22l. for providing the Looms, Twiſting-mill, Callendar, Steel Reeds and Harneſſes, above-mentioned, to be lent him for a year; and that he be informed that it is the intention of the Board, that they be lent him from year to year, as long as he performs his Contract; by which he ſhall be obliged to turn out thirty-ſix thouſand yards of ſingle Girth-Web, and twenty-four thouſand Yards of double Girth-Web each year.

Ordered, That the ſeveral tools lent by the Board to Undertakers concerned in any branch of the Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures, be branded or marked, to ſhew that they belong to the Board; and that the ſaid Mark be a Harp, and L. M. under it.

Ordered, That any three of the Truſtees preſent, be a Committee appointed to conſider on ſome effectual way of this Board's being better ſatisfied of the due performance of the ſeveral Contracts entered into with this Board; and that all matters not proceeded on, be referred to them; and that they meet on Tueſday next, at eleven o'Clock.

The Report of the Committee on Beaumont's Petition, was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary pay Mr. Beaumont 5l. in conſideration of his being ſent for to town, by order of this Board, and his attendance thereon.

SATURDAY, March 16th, 1716—17.

The Committee to whom his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin's Letter was referred, made the following Report:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration His Grace the Archbiſhop of Dublin's Letter, of the 18th February, have examined the ſame, and alſo the ſeveral Patterns of Cloth ſent over by his Grace, and recommended as proper to be manufactured here, in order to ſupply the Markets in Spain, are of opinion, that James Bradſhaw of Naas, be immediately employed in making thirty-ſix yards of narrow Kenting, of twenty-ſeven inches wide, as near the Pattern as poſſible; and the like quantity of narrow Kenting, of twenty-ſeven inches wide, to be two-pence in a ſhilling better than the Pattern; forty yards of broad Kenting, of thirty-ſix inches wide, agreeable to the Pattern; and forty yards of Kenting, of ſame breadth,

breadth, to be two-pence in a ſhilling better; three hundred ſixty-ſix yards of Roans, of forty-two inches and half wide, agreeable to the Pattern; and the like number of yards, of ſame breadth, to be two-pence in a ſhilling better; one hundred and four yards of Morles, of thirty-four Inches wide, agreeable to the Pattern; and the like number of yards, of ſame breadth, to be two-pence in a ſhilling better; and one hundred and twelve yards of Green Canvas, of forty-two inches and half wide, as like the Pattern as poſſible.

RESOLVED, that this Board do agree with their Committee in this Report.

ORDERED, That James Bradſhaw be wrote to, to make the ſeveral quantities and ſorts of Cloths therein mentioned.

ORDERED, That the Secretary acquaint the Marſhal of the Four Courts, that the Board having an Information, that one Griffin is employed in the Marſhalſea, in covering old Ropes with new Hemp or Tow, or otherwiſe working up of old ſtuff with new, which is expreſsly contrary to the Act of Parliament, are reſolved to proſecute him and all ſuch perſons, as tranſgreſs the ſaid Act.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do deſire the Solicitor General, and Mr. Parnell, Seneſchal of Donore, Thomas-Court, and St. Sepulchres, to impower Mr. Jackſon, or the Maſter of the Corporation of Sadlers and Rope-makers, for the time being, from time to time, to enter into ſuch places within their liberties, where they ſhall ſuſpect any Rope-makers to work up old ſtuff with new, and impower them to ſeize the perſons and goods of ſuch offenders, according to law.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23d, 1716—17.

ORDERED, That Mr. Alderſey wait on the Solicitor General, for leave to iſſue Proceſs againſt Jonathan Hewit, his Bond being taken in the late Queen's name.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1717.

The Committee appointed to take into conſideration the State of the Spinning ſchools, and to whom James Bennet's Petition, and ſeveral other matters were referred, made the following Report:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration the State of the Spinning-ſchools, and to whom James Bennet's Petition, Richard Hall's Letter, and ſeveral other matters were referred, have met and conſidered the ſame; and are of opinion, that the making of Tapes and Inkles in this Kingdom, very well deſerves the encouragement of this Honourable Board; and in order thereto, think it may be reaſonable to provide two Looms, one with twenty-four Shuttles, and the other with twenty; with neceſſary utenſils thereto belonging, for the weaving of fine Holland and Diaper Tapes, computed at 12l. and a Braſs Callendar, computed at 8l. to be branded with the mark of this Board, and then to be lent to James Bennet for a year; and that 10l. be alſo lent him to proceed on his work, he giving good ſecurity, that he will turn out of the Looms, with twenty-four Shuttles, three thouſand and ſixty pieces of the fineſt Holland or Diaper Tapes or Inkles, according to patterns that ſhall be given to him by the Board; and out of the Looms with twenty Shuttles, two thouſand eight hundred and ſixty pieces of ſaid Tapes or Inkles in that time; and engaging to take two Proteſtant Apprentices, and fully inſtruct them in making Holland and Diaper Tapes of all ſorts; and alſo giving ſecurity to return the 10l. together with the Looms and Callendar, when required; and we are of opinion, that the ſaid Bennet be informed, that it is the intention of the Board, that the Looms and Callendar be lent him for a longer time, if he deſerves ſuch further encouragement.

As to that part of Richard Hall's Letter, relating to the bringing of Flax-dreſſers from England, it is the opinion of your Committee, that Hall be wrote to, to ſettle a Correſpondence to whom he may write, when the ſeaſon of the year approaches, in which there will, probably, be the moſt occaſion for them to treat with any Flax-dreſſer, that ſhall be willing to come for Ireland upon the loweſt terms.

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree to the ſaid Report.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 1717.

John Dening, having by Letter dated the 23d April, mentioned his being willing to take William Mynagh a Circuit with him, whereby he may have an opportunity of judging of his preſent abilities, and the ſaid Mynagh of informing himſelf of ſome advantages wherein he may be deficient in the knowledge of what is incumbent on an Itinerant Man,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Dening, do make a Report to this Board, when he ſhall have found the ſaid William Mynagh, or any other perſon who is deſirous of being inſtructed at his own charge, in the buſineſs of an Itinerant, Hemp, and Flax-man, to be fit for the ſame; the Board being determined to fill up what vacancies may happen, with perſons ſo inſtructed.

ORDERED, That a Copy of this Order be ſent to each of the Itinerant Men, that they may take ſuch perſons as offer themſelves to be inſtructed by them, and that they make the like returns, as required from Dening, when they find any one qualified.

Mr. Dawſon of Armagh, having acquainted the Board, that he has ground prepared for three hogſheads of old Flax-ſeed, and that the ſeaſon is ſo far advanced, that the ground will be loſt, if he have it not ſent him immediately,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Dawſon, that if he will buy two hogſheads of new Flax-ſeed at Belfaſt, in lieu of the three old ones he was to have from Dublin, that this Board will pay for the ſame, which will go as far in ſowing of the ſame ground, as the three old ones.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 1717.

Report from a Committee to whom ſeveral matters were referred, was read and agreed to.

Upon Examination of James Bennet, your Committee find, that there is not any demand for Diaper Tapes, but that he can diſpoſe of as much Holland Tape as he can make, and, therefore, are of opinion, that he be not obliged to make Diapers.

SATURDAY, MAY 18th, 1717.

James Bennet having declined making of Holland and Diaper Tapes, according to his Propoſal,

ORDERED, That no farther application from him to the Board, be admitted.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Mr. Smyth, and acquaint him, that now, and for the future, as often as he ſhall make application for his allowance for making Dowlaſs, that he ſend up two Pieces to be viewed by the Board, one whereof ſhall be immediately ſent him again, and the other to be kept, till he ſend up a freſh piece, and them to be returned him.

ORDERED, That this be a ſtanding order of this Board, in regard to all other Contractors.

SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1717.

John Dening having ſent up a full Certificate of the abilities of William Mynagh,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Mynagh, be appointed Itinerant, Hemp, and Flax-man, for the Counties of Roſcommon, Leitrim, and Sligo, in the room of James Bagſhaw, deceaſed; and that the Secretary acquaint him therewith; and direct him to come up to town, to receive his Orders and Inſtructions from the Board, forthwith, in order to his entering on the ſaid employment.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th, 1717.

William Mynagh, attending at the door, was called in, and took the Oath this Board is impowered by Act of Parliament to tender to the Itinerant Men.

ORDERED, That Inſtructions be given to the ſaid Mynagh, upon his giving ſecurity for the due executing his office of Itinerant Man.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22d, 1717.

ORDERED, That a month before the expiration of any Spinning-ſchool, in ſuch Counties wherein there are Candidates, when a vacancy ſhall happen, that the Secretary acquaint ſuch Candidates of ſuch expiration.

SATURDAY, JULY 13th, 1717.

ORDERED, That the Secretary wait on the Lord Mayor, and deſire, that he would be pleaſed to give leave for the Flax-mill, made by their directions, to be put in the Work-houſe, this Board not having at preſent a proper place to ſet it up in.

SATURDAY, JULY 20th, 1717.

The Committee having drawn up a Scheme for aſcertaining the State of the Spinning-ſchools,

ORDERED, That Mr. Stokes have directions to engrave a Copper-plate from the ſaid Scheme.

ORDERED, That the Weavers Sleaing-table, given in by Joſeph Beaumont, be referred.

SATURDAY, JULY 27th, 1717.

Report from the Committee on the Weavers Sleaing-table, being read, your Committee are of opinion, that James Bradſhaw, and Thomas Turner, get ſome Pieces of Cloth ſleaed, according to ſome of the proportions ſet down in the ſaid Tables, in order to try of what ſervice they may be to the Public.

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree to the ſaid Report.

There having been ſeveral Affidavits produced to this Board, ſetting forth, that Benjamin M'Dowel, of the County of Antrim, did lately make uſe of Lime in Bleaching of Linen Cloth, to the great detriment of the Linen Trade, and expreſsly againſt the Act of Parliament, made in the ſecond year of her late Majeſty's reign,

RESOLVED, That this Board will aſſiſt any perſon that ſhall proſecute the ſaid M'Dowel, or any other whatſoever, that ſhall make uſe of Lime in bleaching of Linen Cloth.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1717.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up the Form of an Affidavit to be ſent to the Contractors for ſowing of Foreign Seed, being read, the ſame was agreed to, with an Amendment, and is as follows:

A. B. came before me this day, and made Oath, that meaſured the Land or Lands of in the County of whereon there was ſown, as he verily believes, the buſhels of Flax-ſeed, delivered to him by order of the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures; and that the ſaid Meaſurer does make the ſaid Land or Lands of meaſured as aforeſaid, to amount to Plantation Acres; and the ſaid Meaſurement, he verily believes, amounts to plantation acres.

ORDERED, That the like Affidavit be for the Hemp, *mutatis mutandis.*

It having been formerly required, that the Itinerant Men ſhould certify the quantity of ground ſown,

ORDERED, That the Form of the Certificates of the Itinerant Men, be as follows:

I verily believe the Contents of the above Affidavit to be true.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the ſaid Affidavit, and Form of certifying, be ſent to the ſeveral Contractors for ſowing foreign Seed.

Richard Hall, one of the Itinerant Men for the Province of Leinſter, being abſent from his Diſtrict, by the Direction of the Board,

ORDERED, That the Affidavit relating to the Hemp and Flax ſown within his Diſtrict, be admitted as ſufficient, without Certificate from the ſaid Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ſt, 1717.

Richard Hall's Letter from Bermingham and Stafford, in relation to Hatchells and Flax-dreſſers, being read,

ORDERED, That he be wrote to by the Secretary, to agree with a number of Flax-dreſſers, not exceeding ten, at 4l. per man; and that he ſend them over as ſoon as he can.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1717.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Ogle, that this Board is willing to come into his propoſals for making Hempen Stockings; and that he come up to town to give ſecurity for his performance of his ſaid Propoſal; and that he bring up ſome of his ſeveral ſorts of Hemp that he has by him, and ſome of his Yarn, if he has ſpun any, the Board being deſirous to diſcourſe with him, in relation to the ſaid Manufacture.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1717.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay Mr Betteridge, and the reſt of the Contractors for ſowing Seed, 10s. per acre for the Flax-ſeed, and 1l. for the Hemp, upon ſuch Affidavits and Certificates, as agree in ſubſtance, though they

they may differ in the form with that drawn up the 14th of September laſt, provided ſuch Affidavits and Certificates, be dated before Michaelmas laſt.

The Report of the Committee to whom Mr. Cromelin's Papers were referred, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree with their Committee, in recommending Mr. Cromelin to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, for a penſion of 400l. per annum, he being obliged to ſet up an Hempen Manufacture in ſuch place as this Board ſhall think the moſt proper; and that he be entirely under their direction, to ſuperintend the Linen and Hempen Manufactures, in all parts of this Kingdom; and notwithſtanding the Report formerly made by a Committee of this Board, in February 1715, was in a great meaſure founded, not only on Mr. Cromelin's paſt ſervices, and what he further propoſed to do for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture in particular, which is now brought to a greater perfection in this Kingdom, than the Hempen Manufacture is.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Cromelin be not obliged to ſet up and carry on a new Linen Manufacture, as he then propoſed, but to eſtabliſh an Hempen Manufacture in ſuch places as aforeſaid.

ORDERED, that a Committee be impowered to draw up Inſtructions to Richard Hall, to contract with ſome perſons in London, well ſkilled in ſtamping and ſtaining of Linen, to come over and ſettle in this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1717.

Mrs. Rogers's Petition, deſiring to be diſcharged from the Bond entered into by her late Huſband with this Board, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to her, to lay before this Board, an account of what has been done in purſuance to his ſaid Contract; and that if ſhe expects to be diſcharged therefrom, that ſhe propoſes what money ſhe will refund to the Board, in conſideration of being diſcharged from what ought further to be done, in purſuance of the ſaid Contract.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1717.

ORDERED, That any three of the Truſtees, be a Committee appointed to examine Mr. Stewart; and that he prepare a Memorial to lay before the ſaid Committee, in relation to the abuſes committed in bleaching with Lime, and ſetting forth, what he can do towards the diſcovering and remedying thereof.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ſt, 1717.

RESOLVED, That Lord Ferrard be deſired to write to the Lord Chief Baron, to pray his Lordſhip, to reduce the Recognizance of Joſeph Fowler, forfeited for his not appearing at the Aſſizes held for the County of anno he being attending the ſervices of this Board in Dublin at that time.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23d, 1717.

The Propoſal of Boyle and Lenox, James Caldwell, and William Kirkpatrick, Merchants of the City of Cork, for carrying on a Sail-cloth Manufacture at Rathkeale, being read,

ORDERED, that the Secretary write to them, that their Propoſal is made in ſuch general terms, that the Board cannot come to any reſolution therein; but if they will make it more particular, and appoint any perſon here to treat with this Board, that they will readily come to any Reſolutions that ſhall be reaſonable; but at preſent hope to convince them, that a Manufacture may be carried on without ſo great a number of Salaries.

William Stewart attending on the Board, was called in, and took the Oath of Office as Itinerant Inſpector into the Bleaching of Cloth.

Inſtructions to William Stewart, Itinerant Inſpector into the bleaching and making up of Cloths, in the Northern Parts of this Kingdom.

We have appointed you to be Itinerant Inſpector into the bleaching and making up Linen Cloths in the County of Antrim; and where you find any bleached with Lime or other pernicious material, or made up contrary to Act of Parliament, that you ſeize the ſaid Cloth, and proſecute the Offenders according to law.

You are to enter into a book, fairly kept, a conſtant Diary of your Journies and Proceedings; and once a month, ſend up to us a duplicate thereof, expreſſing the particulars.

You are particularly to obſerve, all ſuch further Directions, as ſhall from time to time be ſent you by our order.

DECEMBER 14th, 1717.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to James Bradſhaw to go to Eniſcorthy, to examine into the ſtate of Mr. Rogers's Manufacture there, and report to the Board, how far he has performed the obligation of his Contract with this Board, what the materials may be worth that are provided, and that he enquire if any perſon is willing to take them off the Widow's hands, and at what terms.

The Committee to whom Hewit's Papers and ſeveral other matters were referred, made the following Report, which was agreed to:

We the Committee, to whom Hewit's Papers, Bruerton's Propoſals, and ſeveral other matters were referred, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that although Hewit has not fully performed his Contract with this Honourable Board, yet he having done a great deal towards it, that a ſtop be put to the proſecution of his Bond, and that he have liberty to put in new Propoſals; or elſe that the Looms and other utenſils he has provided, be delivered to this Board, or their order, in conſideration of the money he has received from them, when he entered into his Contract with them. As to Mr. Bruerton's Propoſals, your Committee are of opinion, that it will be reaſonable that he have a penny per yard for all Dowlaſs he ſhall make, of High White Yarn, for Mancheſter Dowlaſs or ſtained Linen, not exceeding ten thouſand yards yearly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Coote, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Sandford, be a Committee appointed to diſcourſe with the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, about providing a Stamp for Linen and Callicoes, to be made uſe of in purſuance to the Linen Bill.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2d, 1717—18.

A Memorial directed to His Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, deſiring the 2000l. addreſſed for by the Houſe of Commons for the uſe of this Board, being read,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the ſaid Memorial; and that this Board do immediately attend his Grace with the ſame.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1717—18.

ORDERED, That the Committee appointed to conſider the State of the Fund, applicable to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, be impowered to conſider and report what encouragement they think proper to be given for making of Traces of Hemp.

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn, to pay James Ogle, Eſq; 25l. in purſuance of the Report of a Committee; and a Warrant was drawn and ſigned, and is as follows:

DUBLIN, January 4th, 1717—18.

WE the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, deſire you to pay to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; or Order, the ſum of 25l. over and above Poundage and Pells, to be by him paid to James Ogle, Eſq; in conſideration of his obliging himſelf by contract, to provide twelve Knitters, and keep them employed for four years in knitting Stockings of Hempen and Flaxen Yarn; and to perform ſeveral other matters in the ſaid Contract mentioned, and place the ſame to the account of money veſted in us by Act of Parliament.

To His Majeſty's Vice-Treaſurers,
or their Deputy.

ORDERED, That for the future, ſuch perſons, whoſe Affidavits of the ſowing of Seed, are defective in the quantity of ground ſown, ſhall be paid only in proportion to the quantities mentioned in ſuch Affidavits.

ORDERED, That the Secretary be impowered to expend ſuch money, as ſhall be neceſſary for the ſubſiſtence of the Flax-dreſſers that are come from England, by direction of Richard Hall, till they are employed; and alſo to defray the expence of trying each of them in hackling and ſcutching Flax.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1717—18.

The Committee appointed to diſpoſe of the Flax-dreſſers, having reported, that 1s. per day be allowed them for their ſubſiſtence, till provided for; and 2s. 2d. for every twenty miles, travelling charges,

RESOLVED, That this Board do agree with their Committee, with this Amendment, that they be allowed 2s. 6d. inſtead of 2s. 2d. travelling charges.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 1717—18.

ORDERED, That Mr. Alderſey write to Dening, to acquaint him with the Complaint made by Lord Chief Juſtice Conolly againſt him, that he has not viſited the Baronies of Boylagh, Terryhire, and Banaghagh, in the County of Donegal, but once ſince the commencement of the Act; and that the Board expect that he will give them full ſatisfaction as to the reaſons of his neglect in going through thoſe Baronies.

ORDERED, That Mr. Alderſey write to the Itinerant Men, to view the Bleach-yards in their reſpective Diſtricts, and return to this Board a particular account of ſuch as bleach with Lime.

ORDERED, That Mr. Alderſey ſend a Commiſſion to John Donnelſon of Alcalty, to be Itinerant Inſpector into the bleaching with Lime, in the Counties of Armagh and Monaghan; but to acquaint him, that he is not to expect any allowance beſides what he gets by the Seizures; and that it be an Inſtruction to him, to Stewart, and to all the Itinerant Men, that they cut all Cloth adjudged to them, into pieces, not exceeding ſeven yards in length, that they may not be afterwards exported.

Report from the Committee on Couſſy and Grant's Propoſal, and to whom ſeveral other matters were referred, was read and agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that it will be of great ſervice to the Public, and tend very much to the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture, to encourage the Spinning of Yarn in this Kingdom; and finding the Fund veſted in this Board, is not ſufficient to enable them to continue the Schools already ſet up, at the Allowance on which they were firſt eſtabliſhed, do think it will be neceſſary, after due Notice given to ſuch as have Schools already granted, to reduce ſuch as ſhall be received after ſuch Grant is expired, to the Terms propoſed by Robert Grant, and Anthony Couſſy, (except in ſuch places, where the Board ſhall think it neceſſary to give any further Allowance) to whoſe Petition and Propoſal, we think it reaſonable to comply after the following manner:

1ſt. That they have two hogſheads of foreign Flax-ſeed, or 7l. 10s. in money, to purchaſe the ſame.

2d. That on Certificate of their having provided twenty Wheels, and twenty new Scholars entered, that they be paid 5l. for the ſaid Wheels; and at the end of the year, 6l. for the Miſtreſs's Salary; they entering firſt into Bond, to keep the ſaid Scholars conſtantly employed for that year, and to be under the direction of this Board.

As to Jenkin Gerry's Petition, your Committee are of opinion, that inſtead of the 150l. which he deſires in hand, that he be allowed 12l. per annum, as the intereſt of the ſaid ſum at 8l. per cent. that the Board furniſh him with Looms, and that he have the uſe of a Bleach-yard at Rathfarnham, (where, they are of opinion, it is requiſite one ſhould be made) near the Hemp-mill, on his entering into Bond and Contract, to keep the ſix Looms conſtantly at work for ſeven years; and to turn out of each Loom, yearly, at leaſt one thouſand yards of Sail-canvas, made up of Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom; and alſo oblige himſelf to inſtruct any perſon that ſhall apply to him, in the right method of purging Yarn, and giving it a right Canvas colour.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22d, 1717—18.

There being Information made to this Board, of a Seizure of Wool, not yet condemned, a Moiety of which, is by Act of Parliament, applicable to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, be deſired to proſecute the ſaid Seizure; and to make ſuch compoſition as they ſhall find to be neceſſary; and that Mr. Alderſey acquaint them, that this Board will bear their part of the charge of the ſaid Proſecution; and deſire, that they will be pleaſed to direct their Secretary to acquaint him from time to time with their Proceedings in this affair.

WEDNESDAY, April 9th, 1718.

There being a vacancy in the number of Truſtees, by the death of Anderſon Saunders, Eſq;

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That the Lord Newtown be desired to apply to the Lords Justices, to nominate and appoint Brinsley Butler, Esq; in his room, for the Province of Leinster.

Mr. Justice Coote having informed the Board, that the place of Clerk-assistant was vacant by the death of Mr. Aldersey, and having moved that Mr. John Phepoe do succeed in the room of the said Mr. Aldersey,

RESOLVED, That the said Mr. John Phepoe, do succeed in the room of the said Mr. Aldersey; and that in the absence of the Board, he be under the direction of the Secretary for the time being.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th, 1718.

The Petition of James Hopkins and John Nutter, and Mrs. Rogers's Letter, desiring, that the said Hopkins and Nutter, might be accepted by this Board, to enter into the Contract that was formerly entered into by Mr. Edward Rogers, deceased, and that the said Contract might be given up, being read,

ORDERED, That upon the said Hopkins and Nutter's entering into Bonds for performance of the Contract of the said Rogers, for the remainder of the term that he was bound for, that her Husband's Bond be delivered up to her.

SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1718.

ORDERED, That the Secretary wait on Mr. Clements and Mr. Jodrell, the Executors of Mr. Daniel Aldersey, to desire them to make up his Accounts with the Board, of the money he has received by their order, on account of the Linen Manufacture.

A Memorial to the Lords Justices of Ireland, desiring the 2000l. addressed for by the House of Commons, was read and agreed to.

SATURDAY, MAY 24th, 1718.

James Bennet not having entered into any Contract with this Board, pursuant to a Report of a Committee laid before this Board, on the 30th of March, 1717, and John Turner having agreed with the terms proposed to Bennet by this Board,

RESOLVED, That a Contract be drawn up with the said John Turner, pursuant to the said Report.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Knox's Proposals being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to take Mr. Knox's Proposal in relation to the Importation of Black Soap, into consideration, having met and considered the same, and having also looked into the former Proceedings of this Board with Mr. Pease, Merchant at Limerick, in relation to a Proposal made by him, for the making of Black Soap in this Kingdom, do not find any reason for differing with the former Proceedings and Resolutions of this Board.

Your Committee cannot see, how the making Black Soap would prevent the abuses in bleaching with Lime; there being already good materials enough in this Kingdom to bleach with, which can be afforded much cheaper than Black Soap.

A Letter from Thomas Lauderdale, being read, complaining of several Rescues of unstatutable Cloth, made by James Morgan, Patrick Byrne, and others,

ORDERED, That he see an Attorney, and prosecute the said persons; and send up an Affidavit of his expence to this Board; and that he forthwith send up a Copy of the Informations he has against them.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th, 1718.

The Petition of James Sedgwick, desiring some Stock to carry on his Manufacture of Girth Web, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board will lend to the said Sedgwick, the sum of 20l. without Interest, on his giving Security to the Secretary, to return the same when demanded.

A Letter of the 31st May last, from Mr. Brownlow and Mr. Waring, about some persons who had bleached with Lime, being read,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be written, to let them know, that that practice is growing so universal, and is so detrimental to the credit of the Linen Manufacture, that this Board cannot think of sparing any one that transgresses in that particular; and to let them know, that they have writ to Dayson, to put the Acts and their Orders into execution with the utmost severity of the Law, and in the most public manner.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Dayson, to let him know, that this Board is very angry that he should think of making any composition with the said Offenders; and give him the Directions aforesaid; and to direct him to send up an Affidavit of his having performed their Orders.

RESOLVED, That it be a standing order of this Board, that a Committee be summoned every Thursday, for preparing business for the Board.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th, 1718.

The like Form of an Affidavit, ordered on the 14th September last, was agreed upon to be sent up by the Contractors for sowing Hemp-seed and Flax-seed this Season.

If the land be sown with foreign Seed, it must be accordingly altered in the body of the Affidavit.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Letter of Alice Johnston, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee having taken into their consideration, the State of the Linen Manufacture in the Province of Connaught, where it has yet made but small progress, are humbly of opinion, that the Flaxen Spinning-schools that have been already set up there, should be continued on the same Allowance they were at first granted, they taking new Scholars.

SATURDAY, JULY 5th, 1718.

The Report from the Committee on Mr. Wilkinson's Letter, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows,

Your Committee examined Samuel Wilkinson's Letter, wherein he desires, the Board would be pleased to allow him some share of the encouragement they give to others, in consideration of his pains in discovering the Lime bleachers in that part of the Country: and considering he was the first person that gave this Board Information of the evil practice of bleaching with Lime, that he has been at great loss of time, and has hazarded his person very much in the discovery thereof, your Committee is of opinion, that since he being a Quaker, cannot be employed as a Prosecutor of such abuses, which might make amends for the loss of his time and trouble, and yet very much deserving the favour of this Board, that he be allowed ten guineas for the purchasing of five Looms; and that four hogsheads of Dutch Flax-seed be given to him in February next, if any be imported by this Board.

The Board being informed, that William Stewart doth frequently make Seizures of Linen Cloth, which he doth again bleach, and ſend to Dublin for Sale, makes compoſitions for it, and doth not cut it as he is directed by the Board,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to him, to ſend up an account of his Proceedings, and an Anſwer to the aforeſaid Complaint, on affidavit.

Mr. Dawſon's Letter deſiring to be informed, whether Cloth bleached with Soap-aſhes ought to be condemned as bleached with Lime,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to him, to return him thanks for his care; and tell him, the point being doubtful, and of importance, they could not as yet make any determination in the matter; but to let him know, that they had wrote to their Itinerant Man, to be eaſy in proſecution in that caſe, till further orders.

SATURDAY, JULY 12th, 1718.

The Report from the Committee on the Memorial of Edward Hoare, and the Articles of Boyle and Lenox, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee having met, and conſidered the ſame, and being fully ſatisfied that the Sail-cloth trade cannot be ſo well carried on in this Kingdom, without the aſſiſtance of foreign Artiſts to inſtruct our Tradeſmen in the beſt methods of working, and alſo finding that Mr. Hoare has carried on that Manufacture at Dunkittle, as far and to as great perfection, as is poſſible without ſuch foreign aſſiſtance;

Your Committee are humbly of opinion, that Mr. Hoare be deſired to ſend to Holland for Artiſts for the uſe of his Manufactures, upon ſuch terms as he can agree for; the Board allowing him 80l. per annum, as Salaries to ſuch Servants, at the ſeveral allowances hereafter mentioned, viz. to a Bleacher, 40l. two good Sail-cloth Weavers, at 10l. per annum each, a Dutch Hemp-ſpinner, at 10l. per annum, and a Miller for the ſervices of his Hemp-mill, at 10l. per annum; each of the Workmen aforeſaid, being obliged to take an Apprentice, and inſtruct them in their ſeveral Arts and Myſteries.

Your Committee likewiſe conſidered the Articles of Boyle and Lenox, and are of opinion, the ſame encouragement be offered them for the ſending over for artiſts from Holland, as is before-mentioned for Mr. Hoare.

And whereas there may not be Hemp enough of the growth of this Kingdom, to ſupply his Manufacture at Rakeil, your Committee is of opinion, that they be offered the allowance of one penny halfpenny per yard for ſuch Sail-cloth or Canvas, as they ſhall make of foreign Hemp, for five years, to be computed from the time the Dutch Workmen ſhall be ſet at work; provided that ſuch allowance for a penny halfpenny per yard, be only for ſuch Sail-cloth as ſhall be made in ſuch of the Looms as they contract for, and cannot be ſupplied with Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23d, 1718.

Mr. Juſtice Coote informed the Board, that he would be bound for John Turner, jun. and Robert Moore, in their Bond, for the making of Holland and Diaper Tapes,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1718.

A Memorial to the Lords Juſtices of Ireland, deſiring the 2000l. addreſſed for by the Houſe of Commons, being read, was agreed to and ſigned, and is as follows:

To their Excellencies the LORDS JUSTICES of Ireland.

The Memorial of the Right Honourable and Honourable the Truſtees for improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom,

SHEWETH,

That your Memorialiſts, on the 2d day of January, 1717, preſented unto His Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, a Memorial.

Your Memorialiſts finding no effect of their ſaid Memorial, did on the 17th May, 1718, preſent unto your Excellencies another Memorial.

Your Memorialiſts not finding the effect they hoped for from their two former Memorials, and their Fund in the Treaſury at Michaelmas, 1718, being reduced to 32l. 1s. 8d. and this being the only ſeaſon of the year for contracting for the importation of foreign Hemp and Flax-ſeed, which is expected as uſual by the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, and which is become more neceſſary in this, than in former years, the Flax-ſeed of the growth of the Kingdom, having in a great meaſure failed:

That your Memorialiſts, as much as in them lie, to anſwer the expectations of the Country, have now lying before them, the Propoſals of the Merchants for the Importation of foreign Flax and Hemp-ſeed, but can come to no reſolution thereon, nor make any agreement with the ſaid Merchants, for want of the 2000l. in the ſaid Memorial mentioned, which if not obtained, will be of the laſt ill conſequence to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom.

May it therefore pleaſe your Excellencies, to remind His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of their ſaid Memorials, and take ſuch Meaſures therein, as your Excellencies ſhall judge proper for obtaining the ends deſigned by the Houſe of Commons.

The Petition of Arthur and George Sherſton, deſiring ſome encouragement for the carrying on a Cotton Manufacture, being read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid George and Arthur Sherſton, do give in their Propoſal at the next ſitting of the Board.

The Memorial of Archibald Douglaſs, complaining of his being proſecuted for putting the Linen Acts in execution, and deſiring ſuch power from this Board to act therein, as to this Board ſhould ſeem meet, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board will ſupport and defend the ſaid Douglaſs, againſt any Proſecutions that ſhall be made againſt him, for putting the ſaid Laws in execution.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Thomas Tunks, Attorney, at Monaghan, to deſire him to take care at the next Seſſions, to make proper defence for the ſaid Archibald Douglaſs, againſt any Proſecution that may be made againſt him, for putting the ſaid Acts in execution; and that he be deſired immediately after the next Seſſions, to ſend up Copies of the Informations againſt the ſaid Archibald Douglaſs, and an account of the Proceedings thereon.

RESOLVED, That on Mr. Tunks's return, as aforeſaid, this Board will take into Conſideration the granting him that power deſired in the Petition.

ORDERED, That a Letter be written by the Secretary to Alexander Montgomery, Eſq; High Sheriff of the County of Monaghan, deſiring him to acquaint the Juſtices

tices of the Peace of the County, at the next Seſſions, that it is the deſire of this Board, that they will countenance all ſuch perſons as they ſhall find putting the Linen Acts in execution, and diſcourage all Proſecutions that they ſhall find againſt ſuch perſons who are active in putting the ſaid Acts in execution.

SATURDAY, October 18th, 1718.

The Report of the Committee appointed to take into conſideration Mr. Gee's Letter of the 17th of Auguſt, 1718, was read and agreed to by the Board.

Resolved, That all due encouragement be given to the raiſing Hemp in this Kingdom.

Resolved, That when Mr. Gee has provided a ſufficient quantity of Hemp, of the growth of this Kingdom, that he be allowed proper utenſils for dreſſing it; and ſuch ſum towards providing Looms, as the Board ſhall think fit.

Resolved, That thanks be returned to Mr. Gee, for his care in informing the Board, of the exportation of Iriſh Yarn to Lancaſhire, for the making Sail-cloth; and that he be deſired to give us his Thoughts, what may be proper for us to do therein; and that if any thing farther occurs to him, which may be of advantage to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, that he communicate it to this Board.

SATURDAY, October 25th, 1718.

Resolved, That this Board will give as encouragement to ſuch Hemp and Flax-dreſſers, as ſhall take Apprentices with the approbation of the Board, the ſum of 2l. for each ſuch Apprentice.

SATURDAY, November 15th, 1718.

Ordered, That a Letter be written to Mr. Knox, to thank him for his Information in the caſe of unſtatutable Yarn that was brought before him; and to let him know, that this Board cannot diſcharge the Truſt repoſed in them, if they ſhould connive at any Tranſgreſſions that are made againſt the Linen Acts; and to deſire, that he would be aſſiſting, to the utmoſt of his power, in the putting them in execution.

SATURDAY, November 22d, 1718.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Clements's Memorial, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that Mr. Clements pay the Balance of Mr. Alderſey's Account to Mr Uſher, he allowing the ſaid Mr. Clements 56l. for the receiving the 820l. 7s. 1¼d. on the Wool Forfeitures out of the Exchequer, and 3l. 5s. 8½d. for the other contingent charges in the Memorial ſet forth; and that on the making up his accounts, and paying the Balance to Mr. Uſher, his Bond be delivered up to him.

A Commiſſion for putting the Linen Acts in execution, granted to Archibald Douglaſs, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

" We the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, purſuant " to an Act of Parliament made in the fourth year of " His Majeſty King George, entitled, an Act for exempt- " ing Britiſh Linen imported, from all Duties, Do hereby " appoint you of in the County of " to be Itinerant Inſpector into the bleaching of Cloth, " and making up of Linen Yarn, in the County of " and do hereby impower you, to enter into all Bleach- " yards and Buck-houſes within the ſaid County, and the " Appurtenances thereto belonging, at any hour in the " day, and view and ſearch all Places, Rooms, Kieves " and Boilers therein, and view the Lees, and the Refuſe " and Dregs thereof, and in caſe it appear to you, that " any Cloth or Yarn have been bleached with Lime, or " that any other fault or irregularities are or have been " committed in bleaching, or making up Cloth or Yarn, " contrary to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in force in this " Kingdom, WE require and command you, ſtrictly to " proſecute all offenders, and make ſuch Seizures as the " ſaid Act of Parliament direct and appoint. You are " likewiſe hereby directed, to cut all Cloths adjudged to " you into pieces, not exceeding ſeven yards in length, " that they may not afterwards be exported."

SATURDAY, November 29th, 1718.

The Complaint againſt Walter Cope, Eſq; for not condemning ſome unſtatutable Yarn at the Fair of Charlemont, being read, and Mr. Cope being called in to inform the Board of his Proceedings in that matter, and it appearing, that the ſaid Mr. Cope had condemned and adjudged fifty-two dozen Yarn to Archibald Douglaſs, and that the ſaid Douglaſs would not make oath that the two ſacks of Yarn complained of, had been expoſed to ſale,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that they are very well ſatisfied with the Proceedings of the ſaid Mr. Cope.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Archibald Douglaſs, to know what Complaint he made to Mr. Knox againſt Mr. Cope; and to let him know, that the Board expects he ſhall behave himſelf with reſpect to gentlemen; and to direct him to be cautious how he exceeds his commiſſion.

SATURDAY, January 10th, 1718—19.

His Majeſty's Letter of the 8th of November, 1718, granting to this Board the ſum of 2000l. for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture, together with their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices Order of the 18th December, 1718, directing this Board to inform them, at what times, and by what proportions it will be neceſſary for the ſaid ſum of 2000l. to be paid, being read,

Ordered, That the Committee, on Thurſday, be deſired to draw up a Memorial to be laid before their Excellencies on Saturday next; and that the ſaid Committee be directed to ſet forth in the ſaid Memorial, by what proportions, and at what times, the ſaid 2000l. may be wanted.

SATURDAY, February 7th, 1718—19.

The Petition of John Walker, John Kenny, and others, being read, complaining of the miſbehaviour of William Stewart, in his Office of Itinerant Inſpector in the bleaching with Lime, and of the ſaid Walker's Cloths being wrongfully condemned, as being bleached with Lime,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to William Stewart, to direct him to keep the Cloth which he has ſeized from the ſaid John Walker, till the next Aſſizes, without cutting the ſame, to give the ſaid Walker time to appeal from the Juſtice of the Peace to the next Aſſizes, if he thinks proper; and that he attend at the next Aſſizes with his Witneſſes, to defend the judgment of the ſaid Juſtice; and to direct him to provide an Attorney, and to fee Counſel;

and to let him know, that if judgment be given for him, this Board will ſupport him in his expence of the law-ſuit.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the aforeſaid Petition, be ſent down to the ſaid Stewart; and to direct him to ſend up an Anſwer to the Allegations in the ſaid Petition, againſt his perſonal behaviour.

The Report from the Committee on Robert Bruerton's Propoſal for ſetting up a Flax-ſhop, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration the Propoſal of Robert Bruerton, having examined the ſame, and diſcourſed him thereupon, and on conſideration of the whole, are of opinion, that on the ſaid Robert Bruerton's giving proper Security to keep ſuch Yarn and Flaxen Shop, in ſuch manner as in his Propoſal is mentioned, and to employ a ſtock of 500l. in the ſame, that he be allowed the following encouragement, viz. 20l. per annum for three years, commencing the 1ſt of this Inſt. February, with a promiſe of the Board, that if ſuch Shop have the good effect and ſucceſs they expect, that in ſuch caſe, they will continue ſuch Salary for four years longer.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay Mr. Maddocks 7l. 2s. 2d. being ſo much paid by Mr. Webſter, for taking out the King's Letter in England for 2000l.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1718—19.

ORDERED, That any two of the Truſtees preſent, be a Committee to wait on the Juſtices that are to go the Circuits, to deſire, they would be pleaſed to give in Charge, and earneſtly recommend to the Grand Juries and Juſtices of the Peace of each County, the putting in execution the Linen Acts; and more eſpecially, thoſe relating to the regular making up of Yarn, and againſt bleaching with Lime.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1718—19.

The Report of Thurſday's Committee being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration Archibald Douglaſs's Bill of Coſt and Letter, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that a Letter be wrote to him to come up to town, to give information, upon oath, of the irregular Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace, in relation to the putting the Linen Acts of Parliament in execution, in order to have them proſecuted according to law; and to let him know, that his charges ſhall be fully paid.

We have alſo taken into conſideration the Petition of James Quin, and are of opinion, he be allowed 1s. per yard, for all Damaſk Linen of three yards broad and upwards, 10d. per yard, for all Damaſks two yards and a half and upwards, 6d. per yard, for Broad Napkening, and 4d. per yard for Narrow, provided that the ſaid Allowance do not exceed 20l. per annum; and the ſame to commence from the laſt payment made him by the Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Richard Hall, to direct him to write to his brother John Hall in England, to deſire him to pay 2l. 10s. to each of ſuch Flax-dreſſers, as Mr. Shuller ſhall ſend to him, in order to bring them over; and to aſſure them, that 2l. 10s. more ſhall be paid them on their arrival in this Kingdom, by bill drawn by him on Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; or remitted to him as he ſhall deſire.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 1718—19.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Wm. Mynagh, to acquaint him, that the Board is reſolved to divide that Itinerant Man's place, into one for each County, at 10l. per annum, from Lady-day next; and to give him the offer of the County of Leitrim; and to order him to ſend his Anſwer ſoon, if he will accept it.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 1719.

RESOLVED, That every Itinerant Man that ſhall be appointed, have a ſet of Hatchells delivered to him.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 1719.

Report from a Committee being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, That a Letter be written to Mr. Dayſon, to let him know, that there has been ſome diſturbance in the Schools at Armagh, by reaſon of thoſe complaints he ſent up of the management of thoſe Schools, and the taking thoſe examinations ſo publicly; and to direct him, for the future, to be more private in his Tranſactions; and not to give encouragement to the Scholars or their Parents, to rebel againſt the Miſtreſs or Undertakers of the Schools.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1719.

Mr. Pratt's account of the charges of Rathfarnham, being read, together with the Report of the ſaid Committee on the Mill, and it appearing to the Board, that there had been the ſum of 544l. 16s. 4d. laid out on the ſaid Mill,

RESOLVED, That Captain Pratt be paid 272l. being by the ſaid Mr. Pratt's conſent, in full payment for his building the ſaid Mill; he giving proper Security to beat all Hemp, at 1s. 6d. per hundred weight, and being obliged to bring all Hemp to and from the Mill, at his own expence.

The Complaint of Robert Moore againſt Thomas Turner, being heard before the Board,

RESOLVED, That Thomas Turner do employ the ſaid Robert Moore, as his Journeyman for making his Tapes, at 7s. per groce; and let him have the uſe of one of the Truſtees Looms.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1719.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Joſhua Gee, to deſire him to enquire of the Weavers of Ferreting and ſuch like narrow goods, in London, particularly in Blackman-ſtreet in Southwark, whether there be ſuch a thing as a Dutch Swivel or Loom, for making of Ferreting or Tape, and called in the Dutch, *Lint Muyle*, to be got there; and to know what the price of one of them may be.

ORDERED, That Mr. White be impowered to buy one of the ſaid Looms in Holland.

SATURDAY, MAY 2d, 1719.

ORDERED, That two Commiſſions be drawn for John Graham and Leonard Herd, to put the Linen Acts in execution, with a further power to examine the faults or irregularities committed in the making up of Cordage, contrary to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in force in this Kingdom; and alſo to burn all ſuch Cordage, purſuant to the ſaid Acts.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Secretary wait on the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, to deſire them to give Directions to the Accomptant-General and Examinator, from time to time to lay before this Board, Quarterly Abſtracts of the Duties ariſing on Foreign Linens, Callicoes, Cordage, and other goods applicable to the Linen Manufacture; as alſo, of the Import and Export of all Linen and Hempen Cloth, Yarn, Thread, Inkles, Tapes, Ferreting, Hemp-ſeed, Flax-ſeed, Kelp, Pot-aſhes, Cordage, Twine, Smalt, and all other ſorts of goods or materials, relating to the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1719.

The Report of the Committee on Paul Johnſon's Propoſal for the making of Tapes, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of the Propoſals of Paul Johnſon, Tape-weaver, for the improvement of Tapes, Threads, Thread-laces and Braid, both twilled and plain Tapes, according to the beſt Dutch Patterns, which will require Looms and Utenſils to carry on the ſaid Trade, of a new invention, and as they are uſed in Holland, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that he be allowed the ſum of 120l. for the purchaſe of the Looms and Utenſils in his ſaid Propoſal, which is as follows:

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Six Looms to be fixed up for the working ſaid Tapes and Bobbin, &c.	31	6	0
One Mill for twiſting Fine Thread, in imitation of the Dutch, from 3s. to 1l. per pound,	16	0	0
The Callenders with Cranes, which a horſe may turn, that two men cannot well turn,	25	0	0
A Beating Engine for Thread, which ſaid Engine ſaves a vaſt charge and labour, and by conſequence will lower the price of Thread,	8	0	0
A Preſs for Fine Tapes, which never was uſed but in Holland,	5	0	0
Two Wrappers or Engines, to finiſh Tapes and Bobbin,	1	10	0
Eight Spinning-wheels for Fine Flax,	3	4	0
A Copper and Wooden Veſſels, with conveniences for Bleaching after the Dutch manner,	30	0	0
	£120	0	0

We are likewiſe of opinion, that James Bradſhaw be directed to overſee the making the ſaid Utenſils; and if the ſaid Looms and Utenſils, ſhall not coſt 120l. that the overplus of the money be returned to the Board. As to the intereſt of 500l. which he deſires, your Committee are of opinion, that if he employs a ſum not exceeding 500l. capital Stock, in fine work, to keep the Looms lent to him by the Truſtees at work, that he be allowed ſix per cent. for two years, for any part of the ſaid ſum of 500l. which he ſhall ſo employ.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 1719.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Thomas Parkinſon of Killough, and deſire him to ſend to the Board by the next poſt, an account of what Looms he keeps at work in the town of Killough, and the names of his Weavers there; and acquaint him, that the Board will not allow any Weavers he may pretend to employ in the County at large, to be any performance of his Contract.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1719.

The Report of the Committee of the 6th Auguſt, 1719, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have taken into conſideration, the ſending of Richard Hall to Holland, to enquire into the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures there; and are of opinion, that he be ſent for Holland as ſoon as poſſible for that end.

ORDERED, That 21l. be paid to Mr. Hoare, for the purchaſe of three-ſcore Wheels, to be by him diſtributed amongſt the poor of the County of Cork, in order to encourage the ſpinning of Hemp.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22d, 1719.

The Report from the Committee on the Propoſals of George Lang, Ambroſe Lee, and others, was read, and is as follows:

We have conſidered the Propoſal of George Lang, for ſetting up a Flax and Yarn Shop at Dungannon, and are of opinion, that if the ſaid Lang can give good Security for the employment of 250l. capital Stock, in the ſaid Shop, that he be allowed the ſum of 15l. per annum, for three years; he being obliged to inſtruct Apprentices in the Art of Breaking, Swingling, and Hatcheling of Flax.

We have alſo taken into conſideration the Propoſal of Ambroſe Lee, and Samuel Clarke, for the making of Linens flowered with Silk, and are of opinion, that 6l. be paid them, to alter two Looms, for an experiment of making the ſaid Linens; and that when the ſaid Looms are ready to work, the ſum of 30l. be advanced them, on their giving good Security for the ſame, to make an experiment of them, and ſee how they take, and whether they can be ſold at a reaſonable price, which, if they ſucceed, your Committee is of opinion, that the Board purchaſe four Looms more for the ſaid Clarke and Lee.

The above Report was agreed to, with the following Amendment, viz. That George Lang be obliged to keep 100l. (of his ſaid 250l. Stock) employed in Flax, and 150l. in Yarn.

ORDERED, That if there be any complaints made either by or againſt any of our officers, that they be the firſt things always proceeded on by the Board.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1719.

RESOLVED, That if Thomas Turner brings the project of the making of Boſs, of Iriſh Yarn, to perfection, that this Board will then give him a ſuitable Reward.

Whereas complaint has been made, that ſeveral of Carter's Hatchells delivered in to the Board, have proved inſufficient, and not equal in goodneſs to the firſt Hatchells delivered in by him,

ORDERED, That he be directed to ſend in new, good, and ſufficient Hatchells, for the ſaid Hatchells delivered by him; and that the Board will not further employ him, till he deliver in ſufficient Hatchells in exchange of thoſe bad ones; and that the ſaid Carter and Taylor, Hatchell-makers, give their Notes to make good all Hatchells by them delivered in.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1719.

A Letter from John Wadſworth, of London, to Mr. Ward, propoſing a new method of whitening Linen, on ſome encouragement given from the Board, being read,

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That Mr. Ward write to him, to desire him to go to Joshua Gee, and satisfy him of his abilities in what he proposes; and to come over here if Mr. Gee desires him; and that if he makes good what he proposes, the Board will give him all suitable encouragement.

Mr. St. George having returned a Judgment, signed with the name of Mr. Knox, and laid before this Board by Archibald Douglass, and Mr. Knox having declared the said Judgment not to be signed by him,

ORDERED, That the Secretary send to Archibald Douglass, to direct him to send up his Commission; and to let him know, that this Board has no further occasion for his service.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1719.

The Report from the Committee of the 17th Inst. being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Proposals of Paul Johnson, have met, and considered that part of it relating to the sending of a man for England, for the procuring an Engine Loom or Swivel, for the making of Tapes, and are of opinion, that if the man he shall send, procures the said Loom, this Board shall pay for it, as also give the man some gratuity for his trouble.

We have also taken into consideration the Petition of Robert Dawson, and are of opinion, he be provided with one Loom for the weaving of Fine Striped Hollands, and another Loom of two yards wide, for the weaving Broad Bed-ticks, to be paid for by the Board, and to lend him 25l. for Stock, for the making the said Hollands, and if the Bed-ticks succeed according to the expences of this Board, that he be lent 25l. more for Stock, for the weaving of the said Bed-ticks.

A motion being made to allow 1l. to such of the Charity-schools as this Board shall contract with, for each boy they shall bind apprentice to a Flax or Hemp-dresser, or Linen-weaver,

ORDERED, That the consideration of said motion, be referred to Thursday's Committee.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1719.

ADVERTISEMENT.

This is to give Notice, that the Trustees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, being desirous to increase the number of Linen and Hempen Weavers, Bleachers, and Hemp and Flax-dressers in this Kingdom, are willing to allow the sum of 1l. for each boy of the Charity-schools, that shall be bound apprentice to any Protestant Weaver, Bleacher, or Hemp and Flax-dresser; and are ready to receive Proposals, and make Contracts with the Undertakers of the Charity-schools, to the purpose aforesaid.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1719.

The Report of Thursday's Committee being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have taken into consideration the Petition of Thomas Wright, and are of opinion, that he be allowed the sum of 15l. per annum, for seven years, for the keeping of a Flax, Hemp, and Yarn Shop, on his giving Security to employ a capital stock of 250l. in the said Shop; and to keep it constantly supplied with Hemp, Flax, and Yarn; which Hemp and Flax he shall lend out to any poor Spinners of credit, as far as one week's work goes, to be paid for the same on its being wrought up; and be obliged to sort the said Yarn, and have it reeled, according to Act of Parliament; and lend out the said Yarn to poor Weavers of credit, to be paid for the same Yarn, when the Web is made; and instruct two Apprentices yearly, in the art of scutching and hatcheling Hemp and Flax; and that he be allowed a set of Hemp, and a set of Flax Hatchells; two hogsheads of Flax-seed; and a quantity of Hemp-seed, not exceeding six hogsheads.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1719.

ORDERED, That the Proposal of James Orr, and Robert M'Clenaghan, for spinning fine Yarn, be referred to a Committee; and that they further consider how to encourage the spinning of fine Yarn.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write a Letter to the purport following, to Richard Hall, in Holland.

That Mr. Hall be desired to find out in French Flanders, a *Linier* or Flax-man skilled in raising Flax and Hemp in the manner practised in Flanders: if the same person be well skilled in Scutching and Hatcheling of Hemp and Flax, so much the better; but if the *Linier* or Flax-man, cannot undertake Hatcheling and Scutching, Mr. Hall must procure a person well skilled in Scutching and Hatcheling, and send him or them hither: he must likewise send over a good Weaver, skilled in weaving fine Cambricks, Lawns, and superfine Hollands: if there be any Looms or Engines used in Flanders, in the working or bleaching of Linens, he must get models sent hither of each of them. There is a practice in Holland, of recovering the Ashes after they have been once used, so as to qualify the same Ashes to buck anew; Mr. Hall must try if he can get into this secret. Mr. Hall must be directed to report to the Board, on what terms the persons may be had, and the models.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1719.

The Report from the Committee, relating to James Orr, and Robert M'Clenaghan, was read, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that they be allowed the sum of 34l. for the making the Twisting-mill and Beating-engine, a model whereof they have laid before us: As also the sum of 50l. for the making a Bleaching-yard, of six acres, and building a Buck-house and other conveniences for the same; and that on their laying out the sum of 500l. capital stock, one half of the said sum of 500l. to be employed in the making of Thread of Irish Yarn, from 16s. to 1l. 10s. per pound, as white, and cheaper than the Dutch: that they be allowed the sum of 8l. per cent. per annum, for 100l. or any part of the said sum that they shall employ in making of Thread, from 16s. per pound, and upwards, to 1l. per pound; and that they be allowed 8l. per cent. per annum, for 100l. more of the said sum, or any part thereof, that they shall employ in the making of Thread of Irish Yarn, from 1l. per pound, to 1l. 5s. per pound; and 8l. per cent. per annum, for 50l. of the said sum, or any part thereof which they shall employ in making of Thread from 1l. 5s. per pound, to 1l 10s. per pound; the said interest to be allowed them for two years, to be computed from 25th March next; and that for three years more, they be allowed the sum of 8l. per cent. per annum, for 50l. or any part thereof which they shall employ in making of Thread, from 16s. per pound, to 1l. per pound; and the like interest for 100l. or any part thereof, which

which they ſhall employ in making Thread from 1l. to 1l. 5s. per pound; and the like intereſt for 100l. more, or any part thereof, which they ſhall employ in the making Thread, from 1l. 5s. per pound, to 1l. 10s. per pound; and that they be allowed the like intereſt for 250l. for five years, being the remaining half of the 500l. to be laid out by them in the making of Boſs of Iriſh Yarn; and that they be obliged to make up all the ſaid Threads and Boſs, after the Dutch manner, and of the ſtatutable length; that they be allowed the ſaid intereſt, on their making it appear to the ſatisfaction of the Board, that they have ſo laid out the ſaid 500l. And that they be obliged to take two Proteſtant Apprentices, and inſtruct them in all the arts and myſteries of the trade of making and bleaching Thread and Boſs; and that they give Bonds and Security for their performance of this Agreement; and to return the ſaid Engine and Twiſting-mill, or money, in lieu thereof, if demanded by the Board; and to let them know, that this Board does deſign to allow them the ſaid 8l. per cent. for a longer term, if they ſhall ſee convenient, and that they deſerve it.

We have alſo taken into conſideration, the Petition of Thomas Turner, for ſome gratuity for his invention of the Flax-mill and Poſſing-mill; and are of opinion, that he be paid the ſum of 50l. for a gratuity for his Flax-mill, that having been ſet up and approved of; but no Poſſing-mill being finiſhed, we do not think it proper, as yet, to come to any reſolution thereon.

Resolved, That Paul Johnſon give Bonds for the returning the ſaid Engine, Looms, and other utenſils furniſhed him by the Board; or 150l. at his election, in lieu thereof, when demanded by the Board.

Ordered, That Mr. Juſtice Coote be deſired to ſpeak to the Merchants that are now going to France, to know on what terms a Linier or Flax-man, one or more of them, may be had from thence.

THURSDAY, December 3d, 1719.

Ordered, That the Secretary do attend the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, to deſire them to direct their examiner of the cuſtoms, to lay before this Board, an account of what Woollen Manufactures have been imported into this Kingdom from Great-Britain, in the year ending the 25th March, 1719; or if that account be not made up, to deſire the account of the year before.

Ordered, That a Committee of the whole Board, do ſit *de die in diem*, to conſider of ſeveral Letters and Papers laid before the Board, relating to a Petition now depending in the Parliament of Great-Britain, to prohibit the wearing of printed or ſtamped Linens; and to conſider what is proper to be done thereupon; and to provide ſuch materials, and draw up ſuch reaſons relating thereto, as they think proper.

Ordered, That the Lord Ferrard, Mr. Butler, Mr. Coote, Capt. Pratt, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Ward, or any three of them, be a Committee to prepare and draw up Inſtructions, and agree on the form of a Seal for the Lappers that are to be appointed by the Board.

SATURDAY, December 5th, 1719.

Ordered, That the Loom for weaving Tapes, imported from Holland by Mr. White, and the Loom imported from Great-Britain by Richard Maurice, be lent to Paul Johnſon, on his giving Bonds for returning them when demanded; and that there be Brands or Stamping-irons, a greater and a leſſer, with a Harp and Crown, and the Truſtees at bottom, and Linen above, provided to ſtamp the ſaid Looms, and all other Looms and utenſils lent by the Truſtees; and that a book be provided for entering all Looms, Tools and Utenſils lent out by the Board.

The Board having called in Mr. Hartwell, the Graver, and agreed with him for the making Stamping-tools for the Lappers,

Resolved, That this Board will pay Mr. Hartwell, the ſum of 1l. 6s. for each ſet of the ſaid Tools he ſhall make by order of this Board, conſiſting of a Stamp with a Harp and Crown; another with the name of the Lapper; and a Tin Box with fifteen Figures, together with a Socket for them; and that he immediately ſet about making a ſett for each County.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th, 1719.

The Committee appointed to conſider of ſeveral Letters and Papers laid before the Board, relating to a Petition now depending in the Parliament of Great-Britain, to prohibit the wearing of printed and ſtamped Linens, having made their Report,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that a perſon or perſons be ſent over to Great-Britain, or a proper perſon employed there, to apply to the King, Parliament, and Lord Lieutenant, in order to prevent any Act paſſing in that Kingdom, to prohibit the uſe of printed, painted, or Stained Iriſh Linens.

Resolved, That the perſon or perſons ſo employed, have a diſcretionary power to make ſuch application as he or they ſhall ſee proper.

Resolved, That Mr. Ward be deſired to take on him the trouble of going for England, for the purpoſe aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Mr. John Hamilton of the City of London, or any other perſon Mr. Ward thinks proper, be employed to ſolicit on the above-mentioned occaſion; and that he take his Inſtructions from him.

THURSDAY, December 10th, 1719.

A Letter to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, together with the Caſe of many thouſand Proteſtants of Ireland, concerned in the Linen Manufacture, being read, were agreed to, and are as follow:

My Lords,

We the Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture in this Kingdom, finding by the Votes of the Houſe of Commons of Great-Britain, that the Weavers and others, concerned in the Woollen and Silken Manufactures of that Kingdom, have complained of the printing, ſtamping, and ſtaining of Linens, as injurious to the Woollen Trade, and (as we are informed) hope and expect to have the ſame prohibited, think it our duty to acquaint your Excellencies, that ſuch a prohibition, would be the utter deſtruction of our Linen Manufacture; the greateſt part of our Linen Cloth being imported into England, and there printed and ſtained for the wear of the common people; and as we are truly ſenſible, your Excellencies have nothing more at heart, than the good and proſperity of Ireland, ſo we are very ſure, you will chearfully employ your beſt offices to prevent whatever may be injurious to it, and therefore, we beg leave to lay before your Excellencies, the incloſed State

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of the Caſe of many thouſands of Proteſtants, who are concerned in the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, who (if ſuch a Prohibition ſhould be obtained) would be utterly ruined by it, We flatter ourſelves, that the conſtant good behaviour of the Proteſtants of Ireland, and the zeal they have ſhewn on all occaſions for His Majeſty's Perſon and Government, ſince his happy Acceſſion to the Crown, will induce his Majeſty to countenance our Application; in order to which, we humbly hope your Excellencies will pleaſe to tranſmit our Caſe to His Grace our Lord Lieutenant, with your Requeſt to lay the ſame before His Majeſty in ſuch a manner, as may engage his Royal Influence in our favour.

And that nothing may be omitted on our part, to prevent ſo great a miſchief, we think it neceſſary, that a Gentleman of good underſtanding in the Linen Manufacture, and of general knowledge in the affairs of this Kingdom, ſhould go over and apply to our Lord Lieutenant in our behalf; and we have prevailed on Mr. Ward, a Member of our Board, who is every way well qualified to diſcharge ſo great a Truſt, to take that trouble upon him; and we beg your Excellencies will recommend him to His Grace, as the perſon we have made choice of on this occaſion; and deſire he may have admiſſion to His Grace from time to time; and that His Grace will favour him with his countenance and Aſſiſtance. We are, my Lords,

Your Excellencies

Moſt Humble Servants,

B. Butler, Abercorn,
Marm. Coghill, Ferrard,
Henry Sandford, Newtown,
J. Dawson, Oliver St. George.
Thomas Taylor.

The Case of many Thouſand Proteſtants of Ireland concerned in the Linen Manufacture.

The People of Ireland always enjoyed the liberty of exporting their Woollen Manufacture, until the year 1699, when a Law was made in England to reſtrain the Exportation thereof.

The Parliament of England was ſo ſenſible of the great loſs and damage the People of Ireland muſt ſuffer by ſuch reſtraints, that before they made a Law to reſtrain the Exportation of their Woollen Manufacture, they thought it proper to invite and encourage them to apply their induſtry to that of the Linen.

The Lords of England, on the 9th of June, 1698, addreſſed His Majeſty King William, of Glorious Memory, in the following words:

We the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, do humbly repreſent unto your Majeſty, that the growing Manufacture of Cloth, in Ireland, both by the cheapneſs of all ſorts of neceſſaries for life, and goodneſs of materials for making of all manner of Cloth, doth invite your Subjects of England, with their Families and Servants, to leave their habitations to ſettle there, to the increaſe of the Woollen Manufacture in Ireland, which makes your loyal ſubjects in this Kingdom, very apprehenſive, that the further growth of it may greatly prejudice the ſaid Manufacture here; by which the Trade of this Nation, and the value of Lands, will very much decreaſe, and the numbers of the People be much leſſened here; Wherefore, we do moſt humbly beſeech your Moſt Sacred Majeſty, that your Majeſty would be pleaſed, in the moſt public and effectual way that may be, to declare to all your Subjects of Ireland, that the growth and increaſe of the Woollen Manufacture there, hath long, and will ever be looked upon, with great jealouſy by all your Subjects of this Kingdom; and if not timely remedied, may occaſion very ſtrict Laws, totally to prohibit and ſuppreſs the ſame; and on the other hand, if they turned their induſtry and ſkill to the ſettling and improving the Linen Manufacture, for which generally the lands of that Kingdom are very proper, they ſhall receive all countenance, favour, and protection from your Royal Influence, for the encouragement and promoting of the ſaid Linen Manufacture, to all the advantage and profit that Kingdom can be capable of.

And the Houſe of Commons of England, on the 30th June, likewiſe addreſſed His ſaid Majeſty in the words following:

We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, being very ſenſible, that the wealth and Power of this Kingdom, do in a great meaſure depend on the preſerving the Woollen Manufacture, as much as poſſible, entire to this Realm, think it becomes us, like our Anceſtors, to be jealous of the eſtabliſhment, and the increaſe thereof elſewhere; and to uſe our utmoſt endeavours to prevent it.

And therefore we cannot without trouble obſerve, that Ireland, which is dependant on and protected by England, in the enjoyment of all they have, and which is ſo proper for the Linen Manufacture, the eſtabliſhment and growth of which there, would be ſo enriching to themſelves, and ſo profitable to England, ſhould of late apply itſelf to the Woollen Manufacture, to the great prejudice of the Trade of this Kingdom, and ſo unwillingly promote the Linen Trade, which would benefit both them and us; the conſequence whereof, will neceſſitate your Parliament of England to interpoſe, to prevent the miſchief that threatens us, unleſs your Majeſty, by your authority and great wiſdom, ſhall find means to ſecure the Trade of England, by making your Subjects of Ireland to purſue the joint intereſt of both Kingdoms.

And we do moſt humbly implore your Majeſty's protection and favour in this matter; and that you will make it your Royal care, and enjoin all thoſe you employ in Ireland, to make it their care, and uſe their utmoſt diligence, to hinder the Exportation of Wool from Ireland, (except to be imported hither) and for the diſcouraging the Woollen Manufactures, and encouraging the Linen Manufactures in Ireland; to which we ſhall always be ready to give our utmoſt aſſiſtance.

His ſaid Majeſty, King William, by his Letter of the 29th June, 1698, to his Lords Juſtices of Ireland, reciting the Addreſs of the Houſe of Lords, directed and required them, to take the moſt effectual care that might be, to countenance and encourage his Subjects of Ireland, to turn their induſtry and ſkill to the Linen Manufacture; and to avoid all occaſions of giving jealouſy to his Subjects, by carrying on a trade of the Woollen Manufacture prejudicial to them.

And by a ſecond Letter of the 7th of July following, reciting the ſaid Addreſs of the Commons, his Majeſty did reinforce his former Order.

Thus the Proteſtants of Ireland had the ſtrongeſt aſſurances from the King, Lords, and Commons of England, that they ſhould enjoy the Linen Manufacture with all encouragement,

couragement, and to all the advantage they were capable of receiving from them.

On theſe motives, the People of Ireland betook themſelves to the Linen Manufacture; and though they laboured under many difficulties incident to new undertakings, yet the Parliaments of England and Great-Britain, with their wonted honour and juſtice, having paſſed ſeveral Laws for their encouragement, they at length brought the ſame to ſome degree of perfection, eſpecially in thoſe parts of the Kingdom, where the Proteſtants were moſt numerous.

The Iriſh Linens have no Market worth notice, but England and the Plantations; the latter takes but a very ſmall quantity, the groſs of them goes to England; where being for the moſt part proper for Staining, Stamping, and Printing, they are generally employed that way; and are cheaper for the common people, than any thing that can be provided in their ſtead; and the Merchants of Great Britain, are thereby enabled to export greater quantities of their Woollen Manufacture to Foreign Markets.

If the uſe of Printed or Stained Linens, be prohibited in Great-Britain, the Markets will fail for ſo much; and there being no proſpect of any other, in all probability, above half of the hands of Ireland, employed in that Manufacture, muſt ſtand idle; which would ſend ſeveral thouſand proteſtant families a begging; and ſuch as are able, would tranſport themſelves out of the Kingdom, as they did on the ſudden prohibition of the Woollen Trade, to ſettle in foreign Countries.

This would diſcourage and weaken the Proteſtants of Ireland; who are almoſt the only perſons that undertake the Linen Trade.

As the numbers of people would be leſſened, and thoſe that remained, impoveriſhed, His Majeſty's Exciſe, Cuſtoms, and Hearth-money, would proportionably decreaſe.

And the Britiſh gentlemen who have large eſtates in Ireland, would ſoon find their rents fall, and ill payments of what remained.

And the more the People of Ireland are impoveriſhed, and their numbers diminiſhed, there muſt be a proportionable decreaſe in the Importation of the Manufactures and Goods of Great-Britain; ſince whatever gain Ireland makes by her induſtry or native Commodities, all centers in London; there is the Seat of Government; and thither the gentlemen of that Kingdom reſort for their education, buſineſs, and pleaſure; and the Merchants to furniſh themſelves with almoſt all ſorts of Commodities: ſo that the greateſt part of the money got by the labour of Ireland, is ſpent in Great-Britain; whence it is evident, that it is for the advantage of the latter, to give all encouragement to Ireland.

Laſtly, the Proteſtants of Ireland, having the Faith of the King, Lords, and Commons of England, for the full enjoyment of the Linen Manufacture, and being united to Great-Britain, by the ties of blood, intereſt, and religion, depend on the Faith and Wiſdom of the Parliament of Great-Britain, (who have always acted with ſo great honour and juſtice to their engagements) that they will not diſcourage their Linen Manufacture, by prohibiting the uſe of any branch of it.

ORDERED, That three hundred Copies of the above Caſes, of many thouſand Proteſtants of Ireland concerned in the Linen Manufacture, be printed.

ORDERED, That Mr. Ward be paid 200l. towards bearing his expences in his journey for England, purſuant to Yeſterday's Order.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1719.

The Report from Thurſday's Committee being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have taken into conſideration the Petition of Arthur Labran, and are of opinion, that he cannot be allowed the Looms he deſires, he not having ſubſtance enough to keep them at work; and intending to employ them only in ſuch works as the Country bring in.

RESOLVED, That Thomas Allen be Candidate for Itinerant Man, and Hemp and Flax-dreſſer for the County of Monaghan; and John Sutton be Candidate for the County of Cavan; and Arthur Labran, Candidate for the County of Wexford; when the Itinerant Men at 40l. per annum ſhall be removed.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write this night to Mr. Ward, to deſire him, in caſe the Weaver's Bill to prohibit the wearing of Calicoes, be brought into the Houſe, and likely to paſs, to uſe his utmoſt endeavours to have clauſes inſerted, to prohibit the Importation of all Callicoes, White and Stained, and all Printed Linens into Ireland; and to have an additional Duty on all Foreign Linens imported into Great-Britain, excepting ſuch as come from Ireland: as alſo to obtain a liberty for us, to export our Printed, Stained, and Striped Linens, to the Plantations; and to communicate this to the Friends of Ireland, and to adviſe with them upon it; and to deſire him to ſend over his thoughts on this matter to the Board, and to let us know, on what terms a good Printer and Stainer may be had from England.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2d, 1719—20.

The Report from the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Smyth and others, was read and agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Thomas Smyth, for ſome encouragement for the making of ſtrong Brocaded Linen, proper for Breeches, Waiſtcoats, and Frocks for Servants, Hangings and Beds for Rooms, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that the making ſuch Linen, (a pattern whereof he has laid before us) will be of great advantage to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom; and the ſaid Smith having propoſed Samuel Gough, Merchant, for his ſecurity;

We are alſo of opinion, That he be lent 20l. for Stock, for the making ſuch Brocaded Linen, on his giving the ſecurity aforeſaid; and obliging himſelf to ſet up three Looms on the making ſuch Linen; to keep them employed for three years, from the 25th March next; and to turn out of each Loom, one thouſand yards yearly; and to give quarterly accounts of what quantities he makes.

We likewiſe think it will be neceſſary, that a Standard Iron Reel be made for every County, to be placed in ſuch Towns as ſhall be thought neceſſary; and that one or two of the Truſtees in the ſeveral Counties, be deſired to enquire for the propereſt perſon to be contracted with in each.

We likewiſe think it will be neceſſary, to provide three thouſand Reels, to be diſtributed from time to time to the ſeveral Counties, as the Board ſhall think reaſonable.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1719—20.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding rule with this Board, that every perſon who has made, or ſhall make a Contract with this Board, for any Manufacture whereon he is to have a Premium from this Board, ſhall quarterly return to this Board, and lodge with the Secretary, an account under the ſaid Contractor's hands, of the quantity and quality of ſuch Manufacture as he has made in the preceding quarter; together with patterns of each of the goods ſo made, together with the prices by retail, or by the piece they were ſold at.

An Advertiſement, directing the Weavers to run a Thread, coloured with Black and Oil, at the end of every piece of Cloth, purſuant to Act of Parliament, was read and agreed to; and ordered to be publiſhed and ſent down by the Secretary, to the ſeveral Members of Parliament in the Kingdom, the High Sheriff of every County, the Chief Magiſtrate of every Corporation, and to all the Itinerant Men; requeſting they may be diſperſed through the country in the beſt manner, for the information of the Weavers and other Dealers in the Linen Trade.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1719—20.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Iſaac Davenport, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have conſidered the Petition of Iſaac Davenport, in behalf of himſelf, and ſeveral other Dealers in the Linen Manufacture, in and about Coote-Hill, deſiring a Cold-preſs for their Linens, and are of opinion, that they be allowed a ſum not exceeding 20l. for the purchaſe of the ſaid Preſs; they giving Bonds to return the ſame when demanded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1719—20.

The Committee appointed to draw up Regulations and Inſtructions for the LAPPERS, having made their Report, the ſaid REGULATIONS and INSTRUCTIONS were read, amended, and agreed to, and are as follow:

RESOLVED, That every perſon that ſhall be employed by this Board, as a Lapper, do bring to this Board proper Certificates of his ſkill and integrity; and give in to this Board, Bonds and ſufficient Security, for the due and legal performance of his Office; and to obſerve and perform ſuch Inſtructions, as he ſhall from time to time receive from this Board; and that the Security given by each Lapper, be at leaſt the ſum of 50l. and that he be obliged to give up his Seals, whenever required by the Board.

RESOLVED, That if any one who keeps a Bleach-yard, and gives the Board ſatisfaction that he is qualified to be a Lapper, and applies for a Stamp and Commiſſion to be a Lapper, the Board will provide the Stamp, Letters, and Commiſſion, he being at the expence thereof; and being obliged to lap up and ſtamp no Cloths, but ſuch as are bleached in his own Bleach-yard, except there be no public Lapper within ſix miles of him; and being obliged to give up the Seals, whenſoever required by the Board.

RESOLVED, That the following Inſtructions be given to the Lappers, for their behaviour in their Office, viz.

1ſt. That every Lapper give all convenient diſpatch to all perſons bringing Merchantable Cloths to be lapped; preferring always the firſt comers, to thoſe that come after, without favour or affection; and likewiſe, on notice given to the ſaid Lapper, by the Keepers of Bleach-yards, that they have eight pieces or more of Cloth, ready to be lapped; that the ſaid Lapper ſhall forthwith repair to the ſaid Bleach-yard, if within one mile or leſs of the ſaid Lapper's Dwelling-houſe; if within two miles, that he ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard, on notice of ſixteen pieces or more being ready to be lapped; if within three miles, that he ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard, on notice of twenty-four pieces, or more, being ready to be lapped; if within four miles, that he ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard, on notice of thirty-two pieces, or more, being ready to be lapped; if within five miles, that he ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard, on notice of forty-two pieces, or more, being ready to be lapped; or if within ſix miles, that he ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard, on notice of forty-eight pieces, or more, being ready to be lapped, in diſcharge of his duty, without favour or affection, or preferring one man before another; and that he take no reward on any pretence whatſoever, other than what is preſcribed by Act of Parliament.

2d. That if they find any remarkable difference in the fineneſs of the Cloth, of the ſame piece, or any part more rowed than the reſt, that they make the Lap-yard of the coarſeſt or moſt rowed part of it; but in caſe the Weft of the Cloth be apparently put in with intention to defraud the buyer, the Lapper ſhall not preſume to ſeal or lap any ſuch Cloth.

3d. That they lap up no Cloth ſo moiſt or damp, as to endanger it to mill-dew, or otherwiſe damage it.

4th. That they lap up no Cloth, brought or offered to them, which is made up with Chalk-duſt or Flour, in order to make it look whiter than it really is; and in caſe any ſuch be brought or offered to them to be lapped, that they ſeize the ſame, and carry it before the next Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate; and upon conviction, cut it into pieces of ſeven yards in length.

5th. That if they find any Cloth bleached with Lime or Dung, other than Cow-dung, that they carry it before the next Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, and have it condemned, and cut into pieces of ſeven yards in length.

6th. That if any Cloth be brought or offered to them to be lapped, that is ſewed together, that they ſhall not preſume to lap or ſtamp it.

7th. That they view, examine, and meaſure, all Cloths, that are brought to and lapped by them; and ſhall beetle the ſame, at the ſtatutable rate, if deſired; and put the Stamp, exact number of yards, and name of the Lapper at each end of the Cloth; and that they take off the Stamps clear and fair, ſo that the Figures and Letters may be legible.

8th. That they always ſtamp the Cloths they lap, with Lampblack and Oil, and no other Ink, without direction from the Board.

9th. That every Lapper keep a Regiſter of all the ſeveral ſorts of Cloths he laps; with the number of yards, day of the month and year, the names of the perſons that bring them to him, or for whom he laps, and place of their abode; and return to the Board, on or before the 1ſt of November, annually, a fair Copy of ſuch Regiſter.

10th. That if there happen any difference between the Lapper, and the perſon who brings or offers the Cloth to be lapped, or where he is called upon to lap, that they go

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to the next Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate of the Corporation, to determine the difference between them.

11th. That no Lapper uſe a Horſe, or any other Engine for ſtraining the Cloths, or over-ſtretch the Cloths he laps, ſo as to occaſion their falling ſhort in meaſure afterwards.

12th. That no Lapper put his Stamp to any Cloth that has not been meaſured by himſelf.

13th. That in lapping all Cloths, except Sail-cloths, the Lapper bring the Selvages even from end to end, that the true breadth of the Cloth may fairly be ſeen.

14th. That if any Cloth that has been lapped, be brought to a Lapper to be lapped again, that he put his Stamp cloſe by the Stamp affixed by the former Lapper.

15th. That they do not preſume to lap or ſeal any Linen-cloth, that ſhall not be half an Engliſh ell, or twenty-two inches and half broad at the leaſt, unleſs they be Linen-cloth made in imitation of Kenting, Cambricks, Baptiſts, or Lawns.

16th. That they do not preſume to lap and ſeal any piece of Diaper, conſiſting of three quarters of a yard, or twenty-ſeven inches in breadth, or under one yard, or thirty-ſix inches in breadth, which ſhall not contain twenty-ſix yards in length at the leaſt; and likewiſe, that no piece of Diaper, of one yard and three quarters broad, or upwards, ſhall be lapped or ſealed, which ſhall not contain twelve yards in length at the leaſt.

17th. That no Lapper ſhall preſume to lap or ſeal any piece of narrow Bed-ticks, which ſhall not contain twenty-inches in breadth, at the leaſt, and fifteen yards in length, at the leaſt; nor any broad Bed-ticks, of ſix quarters or above in breadth, that ſhall not be ſix yards long at the leaſt.

18th. That no Lapper preſume to lap or ſeal any Canvaſs or Sail-cloth, unleſs the piece contain thirty-ſix yards in length at the leaſt; all which are the lengths and breadths appointed by Act of Parliament.

19th. That no Lapper ſhall preſume to lap or ſeal any Linen Cloth, (except they be Diapers, Damaſks, or Huckabacks) which ſhall not have a very coarſe Thread, coloured with Black and Oil, through every two hundred Threads of the Warp of the ſaid Cloth, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the number of hundreds of Threads in the breadth of the ſaid Cloth; and alſo another coarſe coloured Thread, as aforeſaid, to be run within leſs than one quarter of an inch of the former, in like manner, through every forty Threads of the Warp of the ſaid Cloth, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the number beers or ſcores of Threads, in the breadth of the ſaid Cloth; as directed by the Statute of the Ninth of Queen Anne.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1719—20.

The form of a Commiſſion for the public Lappers, being read,

RESOLVED, That the ſame be the Form of the Commiſſion to be given to all public Lappers, and is as follows:

By the TRUSTEES appointed for encouraging the HEMPEN and FLAXEN MANUFACTURES of IRELAND.

Whereas, by the Statute made in the ſixth year of the Reign of His Majeſty King George, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Buying and Selling of Yarn and Cloth, and further improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, it is amongſt other things therein enacted, That for the more effectual preventing of frauds and abuſes, in making and bleaching of Linen Cloth, and bringing the ſame into better repute, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Truſtees appointed for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them, to licenſe and appoint ſuch fit and proper perſon or perſons, in ſuch places of this Kingdom as they ſhall judge moſt convenient, to view, examine and meaſure, all and every ſuch piece or pieces of Linen Cloth, as ſhall be produced and offered to him or them; and if ſuch Cloth appeareth to be merchantable, and purſuant to the good Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture, in force in this Kingdom, then, and not otherwiſe, ſuch perſon or perſons licenſed to be Lappers as aforeſaid, ſhall and may lap and make up the ſame, and mark thereon, the number of yards each piece containeth in length, and ſeal or ſtamp both ends thereof, with the name of ſuch Lapper, and the County in which he reſides, or ſuch other impreſſion, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fit and appoint.

And we being well aſſured and informed of the ſkill, capacity, and integrity, of you to be a Lapper, do hereby licenſe and appoint you the ſaid to be a Lapper within the County of hereby authoriſing and impowering you, to view, examine and meaſure, all ſuch piece or pieces of Linen Cloth, as ſhall be produced and offered to you to be lapped, within the limits of the ſaid County; and if the ſame ſhall appear to be merchantable, and purſuant to the good laws made for regulating the Linen Manufacture, then and not otherwiſe, you ſhall lap and make up the ſame; and mark thereon the number of yards each piece containeth in length, and ſeal or ſtamp both ends thereof, with the Seal or Stamp herewith delivered unto you by us; in the doing whereof, you ſhall carefully obſerve and purſue the ſeveral Laws and Statutes in force in this Kingdom; and likewiſe the Inſtructions ſigned by us, and hereunto annexed; an Indented Duplicate whereof, atteſted under your Hand and Seal, remains with us; as alſo ſuch further Inſtructions, as you ſhall from time to time, in like manner, receive from us, or the Truſtees of the ſaid Manufacture, for the time being, for the better execution of your ſaid Office: And for ſo doing, this ſhall be your ſufficient Warrant and Commiſſion.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at the Linen Manufacture Office in Dublin Caſtle, the Day of

ORDERED, that five hundred Copies of the Inſtructions and Commiſſions for the Lappers, be printed; and that the Secretary make proper Alterations in the Inſtructions and Commiſſions, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the Commiſſions and Inſtructions for the public and private Lappers.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1719—20.

The form of a Bond to be entered into by the Lappers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

KNOW All Men by theſe Preſents, that We are holden and firmly bound unto Chriſtopher Uſher, of the City of Dublin, Eſq; Clerk to the Right Honourable and Honourable the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, nominated and appointed purſuant to an Act of Parliament made in the ninth year of her late Majeſty's Reign, in the juſt and full ſum of to be paid to the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, or his certain Attorney, Executors,

Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind us and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, jointly and ſeverally, firmly by theſe preſents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this Day of 17

The condition of the above obligation is ſuch, that if the above bounden ſhall and will on his part, well and truly obſerve, perform, fulfil, and keep all and ſingular the Truſts and Services required of him by Law, as a Lapper, Sealer or Stamper, in the of and according to the tenor, true intent, and purport of the commiſſion and inſtructions to him given, by the Truſtees appointed for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and bearing equal date with theſe preſents, that then this obligation to be void, otherwiſe to remain, and be in full force and virtue in law.

The form of CERTIFICATES to be ſent up by ſuch perſons as ſhall apply to this Board to be Lappers, was read, and is as follows:

We the undernamed inhabitants of the County of being either Weavers, Bleachers, or Dealers in Linen Cloth, do hereby certify, that we are very well acquainted with of the Pariſh of and County aforeſaid, Dealer in Linen Cloth, and that we, and each of us, know him the ſaid to be well ſkilled in the making and bleaching of Linen Cloth, and ſufficiently qualified to obſerve and prevent the frauds and abuſes committed in the making and bleaching of Linen Cloth. We further certify, that the above named is a man of a fair character, of good reputation in his dealings, and a fit and proper perſon in our humble opinion to be appointed a Lapper: as witneſs our hands this Day of 17

By Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, for the County of

I do hereby certify, that I have diligently enquired into the character of the above named Dealer in Linen Cloth, and find him to be a perſon truly deſerving the character given him in the above Certificate. I have likewiſe enquired into the character of the perſons whoſe names are ſubſcribed to the above Certificate, and find them to be inhabitants in the County of and that they are either Weavers, Bleachers, or Dealers in Linen Cloth, and men of good reputation and credit: as witneſs my hand this Day of 17

RESOLVED, That ſuch perſons as ſhall make application to this Board, to be Lappers, do ſend up Certificates of their qualifications in the above form, ſigned by one Juſtice of the Peace, and at leaſt five Weavers, Bleachers, or Dealers in Linen Cloth.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1719—20.

RESOLVED, That it be a further inſtruction to the Lappers, that they ſhall beetle all ſuch pieces of Cloth as they ſhall Stamp and Mark if deſired at the ſtatutable rate, and that this inſtruction be inſerted in the inſtructions agreed on for the Lappers, the 16th of January, inſt.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1719—20.

ORDERED, That the words (and twenty yards in length at the leaſt) in the fifteenth paragraph of the inſtructions to the Lappers, be expunged, they relating only to Linens exported.

A Memorial was drawn up to be laid before their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, deſiring that all Letters and Packets, directed to and from the Secretary, might be free of Poſtage, and the ſame was agreed to and ſigned, and is as follows:

To their EXCELLENCIES the LORDS JUSTICES, GENERAL, and GENERAL GOVERNORS of IRELAND.

The Memorial of the Truſtees appointed purſuant to Act of Parliament, for the encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom,

Sheweth,

That by the encouragements given by the Parliaments of Great Britain and this Kingdom, for the advancement of the ſaid Manufactures, upon reſtraining the Woollen Manufactures, the Proteſtant Inhabitants of this Kingdom have applied their induſtry to the making of Linen Cloth, and have come to ſome degree of perfection therein.

That by the great numbers of Manufacturers and Officers, thought neceſſary to be employed by this Board, ſuch as Itinerant Men, Lappers, Flax Men, Maſters and Miſtreſſes of Spinning-ſchools, for the inſtruction, direction and care of the perſons working in the ſaid Manufactures, that the ſame be made purſuant to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament, paſſed for the better regulation thereof; frequent applications are made from all parts of the country, from the perſons aforeſaid employed in the ſaid Manufactures, giving account from time to time of their reſpective managements.

That very often Abſtracts of Acts of Parliament, advertiſements, and other prints, are thought neceſſary to be ſent by poſt to the ſeveral parts of this kingdom, for the inſtruction and Direction of Weavers, Bleachers, and Dealers in Linen Cloth, the charge of the poſtage whereof, hinders their being ſent ſo expeditiouſly, and generally as the ſervice of the Manufactures require, which is a great prejudice to the advancement thereof.

That as the Trade in Linen Cloth encreaſes, the Revenue of the Poſt Office will conſequently encreaſe, and therefore the ſooner it is advanced, the ſooner will the Revenue of Poſtage encreaſe.

The ſaid Truſtees do therefore moſt humbly pray your Excellencies to order, that all Letters and Packets which ſhall be directed to the Secretary of this Board, and all ſuch Letters and Packets as he ſhall ſend by our order, for the ſervice of the ſaid Manufactures, may be free of Poſtage, which we humbly conceive will very much contribute to the advancement of the ſaid Manufactures.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ſt, 1719—20.

The Report of the Committee, giving encouragement for the making of Bed-ticks, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion that it would be very proper for this Board to encourage the making of broad Bed-ticks, in imitation of Flanders Bed-ticks, ſix Yards long, and ſeven Quarters wide, of equal fineneſs, thickneſs and colour, with ſuch Flanders Bed-ticks of twenty-eight Hundred at ſeven Quarters wide at the leaſt, to give to each Weaver a Premium of three Shillings for each ſuch Bed-tick, which he ſhall make from the 24th Day of June 1720, to the 24th of June 1721, and produce to the Truſtees at their Office in Dublin

Dublin Caſtle, together with an Affidavit of ſuch Bed-ticks being made within ſuch Time in this Kingdom, and that it is made to the beſt of his Knowledge and Belief, of Flax of the growth and ſpinning of Ireland; but no one Weaver or Factory to receive a Premium for more than forty eight Bed-ticks made by him or his Factory in that Year, provided that every Weaver ſhall at the End of every ſuch Piece, run a very coarſe Thread, coloured with Black and Oil, through every Two Hundred Threads of the Warp of ſuch Bed-ticks, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the Number of Hundreds of Threads in the Breadth of the ſaid Ticks, and alſo another coarſe coloured Thread as aforeſaid, to be run within leſs than one Quarter of an Inch of the former in like manner, through every forty Threads of the Warp of the ſaid Bed-ticks, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the Number beers or ſcores of Threads in the Breadth of the ſaid Bed-ticks, and in like manner run a very coarſe Brown Thread at the end of every Six Yards of ſuch Bed-ticks, ſo as to diſtinguiſh each Bed-tick in the Piece, and the Number of Hundreds in the Breadth.

The Certificates of Thomas Hutcheſon, to be a Lapper, being read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Lapper in the County of Armagh, he giving 100l. ſecurity for the due execution of his office, and paying for his ſeals.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3d, 1719—20.

The Certificates of Robert Weilly, to be a Lapper in his own Bleach-yard, being read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Lapper in his own Bleach-yard, in the Town of Ballymena, and County of Antrim, on his giving ſecurity of 100l. for the due performance of his Office, and paying for his Seals; and the ſaid Weilly, having propoſed Amos Strettle for his ſecurity, a Commiſſion and Inſtructions were ſigned for the ſaid Weilly.

RESOLVED, That all the Itinerant Men be ſtruck off at the end of this quarter, and that the Secretary acquaint them therewith.

RESOLVED, That all Spinning-ſchools that are under Contract with this Board, be ſtruck off at the end of this preſent quarter.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1719—20.

The Certificate of William Deane, to be a Lapper being read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Lapper in the City of Dublin, on his giving ſecurity of 500l. for the due execution of his Office, and paying for his Seals.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1719—20.

RESOLVED, That this Board will bear the charges of Waddſworth the Bleacher, to this Kingdom, and back again if occaſion be, and give him ſuch encouragement when he comes over, as they ſhall ſee reaſonable.

RESOLVED, That this Board will advance the ſum of 20l. to George Hager, Dyer, to bring him over from London, on the terms mentioned in his propoſals.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Ward or Mr. Hamilton, be deſired to ſend over ſome of the ſeveral ſorts of Boſs, Bleached at Wandſworth, and to deſire Mr. Ward to ſend over the prices of the ſeveral patterns he ſent over, and how they are ſold by wholeſale or retail.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1719—20.

The Certificates of Neal Campbell, to be a Lapper in the County of Antrim, being read,

ORDERED, That a letter be writ to William Moore, Eſq; to deſire him to inform the Board, why he would Certify for a perſon ſo notorious for Bleaching with Lime.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1719—20.

ORDERED, That the Secretary purchaſe one hundred ſtatute yards, and diſtribute them to the Lappers, along with the Seals, they paying for them.

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The Truſtees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures, do hereby give notice, to all perſons concerned in the burning of Kelp, that we will take care to put the law in execution, againſt all perſons who ſhall mix any ſtones or ſand among Kelp, at or after the burning thereof, to the utmoſt ſeverity of the law; and we will alſo have them proſecuted as common cheats.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1719—20.

A Memorial to the Lords Juſtices, deſiring their Excellencies to give this Board a large Room, inſtead of the one they at preſent enjoy, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

To their Excellencies the LORDS JUSTICES, General and General Governors of IRELAND.

The Memorial of the Truſtees appointed purſuant to Act of Parliament, for the encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures,

Sheweth,

That when the Earl of Galway was Lord Juſtice of this Kingdom, he gave us the choice of two Rooms in the Caſtle of Dublin, for the management of our buſineſs, at which time we choſe the leſſer of the two with the garret over it, which then ſeemed large enough for our purpoſe, but the buſineſs of the Board, as alſo the books, papers and utenſils, belonging to the Manufactures, very much encreaſing, we find ourſelves at preſent ſtreightened for want of room.

May it therefore pleaſe your Excellencies, to grant us the large Room adjoining to our office, with the Garret over it, inſtead of thoſe we now enjoy, which will very much contribute to our convenience, and the better attendance on, and diſpatch of the buſineſs committed to our care.

The Memorial of Gabriel Stokes, in relation to the Yard in uſe in the City of Dublin, and the Yard appointed by Act of Parliament, being read,

ORDERED, That the following letter in relation to the ſaid Yards, be delivered to the Lord Mayor.

My Lord,

We being intruſted with a general care of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom, we have judged it neceſſary to diſtribute a number of exact Yards to perſons authoriſed by us as public Meaſurers, and finding that the Yard in common uſe throughout this City, (which will have general influence in all parts of the Kingdom), exceeds thirty-

thirty-ſix inches, by one quarter of an inch nearly, we therefore acquaint your Lordſhip, that as by law, the Yard muſt conſiſt but of thirty-ſix inches, we have accordingly appointed that thoſe to be diſtributed by our order, be cut to that exact length, and do offer it to your Lordſhip's conſideration, whether the Yard to continue in uſe throughout the City, ought not to be likewiſe of that exact length.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1719—20.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay for the Seals of John Clifford, of the County of Letrim, there not being trade enough in that County to pay for that expence.

ORDERED, That Mr Stokes be directed to make a Braſs Standard Yard, conſiſting of thirty-ſix inches exactly, ſubdivided into tenths, for the uſe of this Office, and that the following inſcription be engraved on it:——*By the Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture.*

ORDERED, That the following Certificate be given to the ſaid Mr. Stokes, to make ſuch uſe of it as he ſhall think proper.

By the Truſtees of the Hempen and Linen Manufactures of IRELAND.

It appearing to us, that the Yards made uſe of in ſeveral parts of this Kingdom, for buying and ſelling Cloths made of Hemp or Flax, exceed thirty-ſix inches in length, which is the length required by Law; we appointed Mr Gabriel Stokes, Mathematical Inſtrument-maker, in Eſſex-ſteet, Dublin, to make a number of Yards to be diſtributed among the public Meaſurers authorized by us, which ſaid Yards were made agreeable to a Braſs Standard Yard, from that of the Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Exchequer in England, the ſaid Stokes hath alſo made a like Braſs Standard for our uſe, and by his performance hath given us entire ſatisfaction, he thinks it may be of ſervice to him, that we ſhould declare his having given us content, wherefore we give him leave to make ſuch uſe of this Certificate as he judges may be of uſe to him.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1719—20.

The Certificates of Alexander Leyborn, to be a Lapper in the County of Armagh, as alſo the Memorial of Terence O'Neill, againſt the ſaid Leyborn being appointed Lapper, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Manſon, an account of the ſaid complaint, together with a copy of the ſaid Memorial, and deſire his opinion of it.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, 1719—20.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to all thoſe perſons to whom this Board has given any Flax-ſeed this ſeaſon, to direct them not to pull their Flax till the ſeed is full ripe.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th, 1719—20.

The Certificates of Joſeph Jackſon, of the Pariſh of Galloone, and County of Monaghan, to be a public Lapper in the ſaid County, being read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Lapper in the ſaid County, on his giving the ſecurity of 100l. for the due execution of his Office.

ORDERED, That his Seals be paid for by the Board, he being to refund what they coſt, whenever demanded by the Board.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th, 1719—20.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of John Donaldſon being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee having met and conſidered the ſame, find that his indecent behaviour at the Aſſizes of Armagh, and his neglecting to retain Council, was the cauſe why he had not redreſs againſt the ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, of whom he complains.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay Thomas Gamble, the ſum of 20s. for nineteen yards of green Cloth, with a black thread run through every inch of the Cloth for Patterns, how to run the ſaid thread according to Act of Parliament.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22d, 1719—20.

Complaint being this Day made by Mr. Juſtice Coote, that the Dealers in Yarn in Drogheda, do contrary to the Act of Parliament, encourage the buying and vending of unſtatutable Yarn, by giving directions to their Factors in the Country, to buy Yarn without diſtinction, and not to take notice of the Acts in that Caſe made,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the Mayor of Drogheda, to acquaint him with the ſaid complaint, and to deſire him to enquire and inform himſelf of the truth of this complaint, and to deſire him to inform the Board, what courſe is taken in that Corporation, to ſuppreſs the buying and exporting of unſtatutable Yarn.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 1720.

It appearing that the Bleach-yard near Chapel-izod, would contribute much to the advancement of the Linen Manufacture, if it were put under the direction of this Board,

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed, to enquire into the King's Title, in order to make proper application to Government for the ſame.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th, 1720.

Stephen Miller having made a Break-ſcutching-board and Scutching-handle for the Board,

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay him 1l. 8s. for the ſaid Tools.

RESOLVED, That inſtead of the Itinerant Men, this Board will appoint perſons who ſhall ſet up Flax-ſhops, and will give them at the rate of 6l. per Cent. per Annum, for any ſum they ſhall employ in keeping ſuch Shop ſupplied with Flax and Yarn, not exceeding 250l. Capital Stock, and ſhall be obliged to inſtruct and teach ſuch of the country people who apply to them for the ordering the land, and ſowing, pulling and watering of Flax, and be alſo obliged to teach two apprentices in eight years, for which they ſhall be paid by the Board 40 ſhillings for each apprentice, when they make it appear they are compleatly taught.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of James Lees being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed, to take into conſideration the Petition of James Lees, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion that it would be highly for the advantage of this Kingdom, to have a good Flax and Hemp-dreſſer ſettled in or near Drogheda, that would not only

only raiſe Hemp himſelf, but inſtruct others in the raiſing and dreſſing it, for the ſupplying the Rope-makers and Sail-cloth Weavers of the City of Dublin.

Your Committee is well ſatisfied, that your Petitioner James Lees, is well ſkilled in ſwingling and hatchelling Hemp, but have yet had no experience of his cultivating and raiſing of it, but they believe him well ſkilled in it, becauſe he talks very ſenſibly of it.

SATURDAY, April 9th, 1720.

Mr. Waddſworth, directed to come over from England, to diſcover his art of Bleaching, by an Order of the fifth of February laſt, having come over and attended the Board accordingly, ſome Yarn was delivered to him to Bleach, to make experiment of his Art of Bleaching.

THURSDAY, April 21ſt, 1720.

Ordered, That Paul Johnſton be deſired to provide ſeveral pieces of green Cloth, to make experiment of Waddſworth's Bleaching, and that he provide one piece of a ſix hundred, one of a ten hundred, one of a ſixteen hundred, and another of a twenty hundred, and that he likewiſe be deſired to provide him with ſeveral parcels of Tape, Yarn, Thread and Boſs, to make the like experiment.

The Memorial of George Hagar being read, propoſing to fix all colours in Linen Yarn,

Ordered, That the Secretary pay him 3l. to make an experiment in his art of Dying.

TUESDAY, April 26th, 1720.

Regulations for Flaxen Spinning-schools being laid before the Board, were read, amended, and agreed to, and are as follow:

1ſt. That the perſon deſiring to have a Spinning ſchool encouraged by this Board, give in his or her propoſal, under his or her hand, ſignifying in what Town, Village, or Place, in the County, Barony, or Pariſh, the School deſired is to be appointed, and likewiſe to deſcribe in the beſt manner they can, what diſtance the place where the ſchool ſo to be appointed is, from the dwellings of the ſcholars.

2d. That the School, if granted by the Board, ſhall be ſet-up on the Day mentioned in the Contract, otherwiſe the Contract to be abſolutely void.

3d. That upon an affidavit made before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, by the undertaker of ſuch School, his or her Steward or Agent, that there are a proper number of Scholars, viz. not leſs than twelve, nor more than twenty, ready to be taught, and a Bond given to the Clerk in behalf of the Truſtees, with ſufficient ſureties, that the Spinning-wheels which the Board grants, ſhall be kept in good Repair, at the expence of the Miſtreſs of the ſaid School, and diſpoſed of as herein after is directed, that then the Truſtees will grant a ſuitable number of Wheels and Reels, not exceeding 8s. for the Wheel and Reel.

4th. That at the end of each Quarter, an Affidavit ſhall be made by the Miſtreſs of ſuch Spinning-ſchool, before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, and a Certificate of the next Juſtice of the Peace, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the Truſtees to inſpect ſuch School, certifying what number of Scholars have been truly taught to Spin and Reel that Quarter, and likewiſe ſetting forth in the Return which they make, the quantity and quality of the Yarn each Scholar ſpun in a fortnight and odd days of that quarter, as directed by the printed tables which ſhall be given to each School, which inſtructions being obſerved, the Truſtees will grant an order for paying the allowance for that quarter.

5th. That the School be continued for three years if the Truſtees ſhall ſo think fit, that the Truſtees may be able to judge by the returns, whether the Miſtreſs has done her duty in inſtructing the Scholars, and in furniſhing them with Flax, from four dozen to the pound, to twenty dozen in the pound, ſuitable to the ſeveral degrees of fineneſs they are to ſpin to, and whether the Scholars have made any reaſonable progreſs in the art of Spinning in point of fineneſs and goodneſs.

6th. That if the Miſtreſs does not bring at leaſt half the Scholars of her School, to ſpin to five dozen to the pound in the firſt year, ſhe is to be turned off.

7th. That if the Miſtreſs does not bring at leaſt half of ſuch ſpinners of her School, to ſpin to ten dozen to the pound the ſecond year, ſhe is to be turned off.

The encouragement given by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to ſuch perſons as ſhall ſet up a Spinning-ſchool for Flax, under the regulations and directions of the ſaid Truſtees, each undertaker who ſhall contract with the Truſtees, to provide a convenient place to keep a School in, and a good Spinning-miſtreſs that can ſpin Yarn of fifteen dozen to the pound or upwards, and daily employ in ſpinning and reeling of Linen Yarn, according to the Statute, a number of children or girls, not greater than twenty, nor leſs than twelve, between the ages of eight and fourteen years at the time of their entrance into the ſaid School, ſhall receive the following encouragement, on her contracting to provide Flax enough to keep the Scholars employed, ſhe ſhall have.

1ſt. The benefit of the Yarn ſpun by ſuch Scholars as ſhall be between the ages of eight and fourteen during the firſt year, to be accounted from the entrance of the ſpinner, ſhall be for the profit of the Miſtreſs.

2d. And for the encouragement of ſuch Scholars, who ſhall conſtantly and diligently ſpin at ſuch School the firſt year, the Truſtees ſhall allow to ſuch undertakers, one penny per day, to be given to the parent, friends or relations, of ſuch child who ſhall attend as aforeſaid, provided the undertaker or miſtreſs, ſhall on the back of the quarterly account, return a receipt ſigned by the parent, friend or relation of each child, ſignifying that they have been paid the ſaid penny per day, for the days they ſhall have ſpun at ſuch School.

3d. The ſecond and third years, the Miſtreſs to have all the Yarn ſpun to her own uſe, ſhe paying two-pence halfpenny to each Scholar, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of five dozen to the pound, ſtatutable Reel and Count; two-pence-three-farthings per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin of ſix dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; three-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of ſeven dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; four-pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of eight dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; four-pence-farthing per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of nine dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; five-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of ten dozen to the

the pound, of like Reel and Count; ſix-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of eleven dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; ſeven-pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of twelve dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; ſeven-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of thirteen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; eight-pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of fourteen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; eight-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of fifteen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; nine-pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of ſixteen dozen to the Pound, of like Reel and Count; nine-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of ſeventeen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; ten-pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of eighteen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; ten-pence-halfpenny per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of nineteen dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count; eleven pence per Hank, for every Hank of Yarn that they ſhall ſpin, of twenty dozen to the pound, of like Reel and Count:—The Undertaker or Miſtreſs, ſhall return on the back of the Quarter's Account, a Receipt, ſigned by the parent, friend or relation of each child, ſignifying, that they have been paid, purſuant to the above Regulations, for the ſeveral dozens of Yarn ſpun by ſuch Scholar, according to the Returns made by the ſaid Account.

4th. And whereas ſome perſons above the age of fourteen years, who are already capable of ſpinning to eight dozen in the pound, may be deſirous to be inſtructed in ſpinning to twenty dozen in the pound, the Truſtees will allow the Spinning-miſtreſs to take into her School, any perſons between the age of fourteen and twenty years, not exceeding three in number, over and above the twenty at firſt allowed; provided ſuch perſons do make it appear to the Miſtreſs of ſuch School, that they can ſpin to eight dozen in the pound, at the time of their entrance; for each which Scholars, the Miſtreſs ſhall be allowed 6s. per annum.

5th. Such number of Spinning-wheels and Reels, as are provided by the Truſtees, ſhall be diſtributed gratis, in manner following: That is to ſay, one Wheel and Reel ſhall be given to each Scholar of the twenty, at the end of the third year, that ſhall attain to the ſkill of ſufficiently ſpinning Yarn of twelve dozen to the Pound, ſtatutable Reel and Count.

6th. And as a further encouragement, at the end of the three years, the Miſtreſs ſhall receive for every Scholar who has been by her taught in her School, to ſpin to fourteen dozen to the pound, and ſhall have ſpun ſeven dozen of ſuch Yarn, ſhe ſhall receive 2s. 6d. as a premium, for bringing ſuch Scholar to ſuch perfection; as alſo for every Scholar taught by her as aforeſaid, who can ſpin to ſixteen dozen to the pound, and ſhall have ſpun five dozen of ſuch Yarn, ſhe ſhall receive a premium of 5s. and for every Scholar taught by her as aforeſaid, who ſhall ſpin to eighteen dozen to the pound, and ſhall have ſpun three dozen of ſuch Yarn, ſhe ſhall receive 7s. 6d. and for every Scholar taught by her as aforeſaid, who ſhall ſpin to twenty dozen to the pound, and ſhall have ſpun two dozen of ſuch Yarn, ſhe ſhall receive 10s. and the like premium ſhall be given to each Scholar, who ſhall attain to the ſkill of ſufficiently ſpinning to the ſeveral ſets aforeſaid, and ſhall have ſpun the quantities aforeſaid.

7th. Each Miſtreſs who ſhall ſet up ſuch School, ſhall give in Bonds to the Clerk, to teach and inſtruct the School for three years, if the Truſtees think fit to continue the ſaid School ſo long.

MONDAY, May 16th, 1720.

The Examinations of John Bowman, and others, againſt Roger Lindon, being read, and he being called in and examined, and it appearing that he has abuſed the truſt repoſed in him, by a Commiſſion given him by this Board, impowering him to lap and ſtamp all Linen Cloths that ſhall be brought to him; as alſo, by another Commiſſion given him by this Board, to put the Laws in execution, by illegally exacting and taking money,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Lindon be ſuperſeded and proſecuted according to Law: and the ſaid Lindon was called in, and acquainted, that he was ſo ſuperſeded, and directed to bring his Commiſſions and Stamp to the Board to-morrow.

A Letter from John O'Neil, Eſq; complaining of Weavers ſetting up for Maſter Workmen, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to him, to let him know, that his Letter was read; and to deſire him to direct William Stewart, Inſpector, to take an account of ſuch Weavers about him, as act contrary to Law; and to direct the ſaid Stewart, to proſecute every ſuch offender, and to let him know that this Board will ſupport him.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th, 1720.

REGULATIONS for FLAX and HEMP-DRESSERS.

Whereas, nothing has raiſed the credit and eſteem of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in foreign parts more, than the care that the Hemp and Flax employed in each branch of their Manufactures, ſhould be raiſed, dreſſed and prepared with the utmoſt ſkill and exactneſs; for which end and purpoſe, Hemp and Flax-dreſſers are always men ſkilled in all the myſteries incident to their trade, and none but ſuch do intermeddle therein; And whereas the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, find, that notwithſtanding their great aſſiduity and conſtant endeavours to advance the ſaid Manufactures in this Kingdom, the ſaid Branches of trade lie under great diſcredit, both at home and abroad, by the want of perſons ſkilful in the juſt and proper way of raiſing, dreſſing, and preparing the ſaid Materials; for remedy whereof, (as far forth as lies within the ſphere of the ſaid Truſtees) they the ſaid Truſtees have invited and encouraged ſome men of ſkill in the ſaid Myſteries, to come to ſettle in this Kingdom; and are daily induſtrious to bring more of them hither for the ſame purpoſes; and to the end ſo good a work may be rendered effectual in all the parts of the Kingdom, the ſaid Truſtees do give this public Notice to all perſons concerned, on what Terms they have contracted with ſuch Flax or Hemp-dreſſers as they have hitherto contracted, or deſign to contract withal, ſaving only, and reſerving to themſelves, and to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, for the time being, the liberty of making any Amendment to the following Regulations, for the public good, without prejudice to ſuch Contracts as they the ſaid Truſtees have made, or ſhall make previous to ſuch Alterations or Amendments

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1ſt. The ſaid Truſtees deſign to eſtabliſh in ſome Town in each County of this Kingdom, (which they ſhall judge moſt advantageous to the Hempen or Flaxen Manufactures) one Hemp or Flax-dreſſer, with a ſalary of 10l. a year; and alſo, to grant him four hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed, or three hogſheads of Flax-ſeed, according to the nature of the ſoil, the firſt year; and lend to the ſaid Hemp or Flax-dreſſer, a ſet of good Hatchells, and other tools proper for their reſpective trades; ſuch Hemp or Flax-dreſſer, to ſerve as Itinerant Man for the County wherein he is to be eſtabliſhed; and enjoy the ſaid ſalary and ſtation during the pleaſure of the Truſtees, for the time being, the ſaid Itinerant taking the Oath of Itinerant Man for the ſaid County, as preſcribed by Act of Parliament.

2d. The ſaid Hemp or Flax-dreſſer, is to prepare his land or ſoil, according to the beſt of his ſkill and cunning, in open view of all ſuch of his Majeſty's Subjects, as ſhall repair to him for that purpoſe; and likewiſe ſhew them the manner of ſowing the Seed, weeding, pulling, watering, due wetting, and ſaving the Produce-Seed, Hemp or Flax; and ſhall freely inſtruct all ſuch perſons as ſhall repair to him, in the due choice of their Hemp or Flax-ſeed; and likewiſe of the proper ſoil for the ſaid Seed, reſpectively; and how to till and cultivate their grounds.

3d. The Hemp-dreſſer ſhall be obliged to diſpoſe of his Hemp to ſuch perſon or perſons, as the Truſtees ſhall direct, regard had to reaſonable prices, the circumſtances thereof conſidered; and what the Truſtees do not direct otherwiſe to be diſpoſed of, he the ſaid Hemp-dreſſer ſhall vend, either in Hemp Fiſhing-twine, White or Black Cordage, Traces, or the like uſeful goods, in a ſhop, to be by him kept in the ſaid town aſſigned him to dwell in, at reaſonable rates.

4th. As to the Flax-dreſſer, he ſhall be obliged to ſwingle or ſcutch his Flax ariſing from the ſaid Seed, or other good Seed by him ſown; alſo, either hatchel or bruſh the ſaid Flax and Produce thereof, and vend the ſame in his ſaid ſhop, to Spinners, at reaſonable rates; taking care to furniſh the ſaid Spinners, with any ſort of Flax, from twenty dozen in the pound, downwards.

5th. The Flax-man ſhall be obliged to break, ſwingle, and hatchel, with all convenient ſpeed, all ſuch Flax as ſhall be brought to him at his houſe to be dreſſed; always preferring the firſt comer, to thoſe that come after, at the following rates; viz. for breaking and ſcutching, 1s. 6d. per ſtone, and no more; for hatcheling Flax, to five dozen in the pound, and under, 8d. per ſtone; for Flax, hatchelled to ſpin from ten dozen in the pound, down to five, 1s. per ſtone; and if he dreſs the ſaid Flax unſkilfully or fraudulently, or embezzle the ſame wilfully, he ſhall be diſplaced and proſecuted according to law, at the expence of the Public, on complaint and due proof made to the Truſtees, of ſuch his miſbehaviour.

6th. To the end there may be an increaſe of ſuch Hemp and Flax-dreſſers in this Kingdom, each Hemp and Flax-dreſſer, is to be obliged in his Contract forthwith, to take two Apprentices, ſuch as ſhall be approved by one or more of the Truſtees for the time being, under his hand; and them to teach, according to their reſpective beſt ſkill and cunning, all the myſteries aforeſaid; which when taught and thoroughly inſtructed therein, the ſaid Truſtees are to give 2l. to the Maſter, by way of reward for his ſo teaching; and ſtill as one of the ſaid Apprentices die or are removed, the ſaid Maſter ſhall from time to time, under the regulations and encouragements aforeſaid, take another in reaſonable time, after the death or removal of the former. The ſaid Truſtees, for the ſpeedier furniſhing this Kingdom with ſuch ſkilful men as aforeſaid, and alſo for the better encouragement of the ſaid Apprentices, to be diligent in learning and following the ſaid trades, do hereby promiſe, that though they cannot allow a ſalary for more than one Hemp or Flax-dreſſer in a County, unleſs it be in the large Counties, where it will be hardly poſſible for one perſon to anſwer the ends and purpoſes of an Itinerant Man, yet wherever any perſons ſhall procure a ſkilful Hemp or Flax-dreſſer, approved of by the Truſtees, to ſettle and reſide in any market-town, and furniſh him with lands and ſufficient conveniencies for carrying on one of the ſaid trades, for the ſpace of ſeven years then next enſuing, they the ſaid Truſtees, will grant *gratis* to ſuch perſon, the firſt year, three hogſheads of foreign Hemp or Flax-ſeed to ſow his ground withal; and lend him a compleat ſet of Hatchels and other Tools ſuitable to his trade; and give him ſuch further encouragement as the Truſtees ſhall find him to deſerve, conſiſtent with their truſt.

Whereas there were Regulations agreed on by this Board, for the ſetting up Spinning-ſchools, on the 26th of April, 1720,

ORDERED, That it be an Addition to the ſaid Regulation, that the Miſtreſs be allowed 6l. per annum, during the three years therein mentioned.

RESOLVED, That this Board will grant no Hatchels, but to Hatchellers who are to dreſs Hemp and Flax according to the Regulations appointed by the Board.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th, 1720.

Encouragement given to *Hempen Spinning-ſchools*, for ſpinning *Hempen Yarn* from the *Waſte*, proper for *Sail-cloth*.

Such perſon as ſhall undertake and contract with the Board, to provide a convenient place to keep a School in, and a ſufficient Maſter or Miſtreſs ſkilled in the Art of Spinning of Hempen Yarn as aforeſaid, (that is to ſay) ſuch perſon as can ſufficiently ſpin ſix pounds of Hempen Warp, in twelve hours, and twelve pounds of Hempen Weft in twelve other hours, proper for Sail-cloth, and conſtantly employ in the ſpinning of ſuch Hempen Yarn, a number of perſons not greater than twenty, nor leſs than twelve, and of any age between ten and fifteen at the time of their entrance, and furniſh the ſaid Maſter or Miſtreſs with ſufficient quantities of Hemp, for the conſtant employment of ſuch Spinners, during their reſidence or attendance at the ſaid School, ſhall receive the following encouragement:

1ſt. The benefit of the Hempen Yarn ſpun in the ſaid School during the firſt year, in conſideration of the Hemp and convenient place to keep a School in, provided by ſuch Undertaker.

2d. Such number of Wheels provided at the public expence, ſhall be delivered to the Undertaker for the uſe of the School, in proportion to the number of Spinners inſtructed in ſuch School, to be diſtributed in manner following:

That is to ſay, one Wheel to each Scholar, when he or ſhe ſhall have attained the art of ſpinning four pounds of Hempen Warp in twelve hours.

3d Such Undertaker ſhall have 6s. *per annum*, for each child to be inſtructed in ſuch School, as wages for the Maſter or Miſtreſs who ſhall inſtruct them in the art of Spinning.

4th. The ſaid Undertaker ſhall have 6d. per week for each Spinner not exceeding twenty, and not under twelve; to be given to the parent or other perſon bringing ſuch Spinner to the School, towards cloathing and dieting ſuch Spinner; the ſame to be paid by this Board to ſuch Undertaker quarterly; he the ſaid Undertaker, producing receipts from the parent or other perſon concerned for ſuch Spinner.

5th. Whereas the ſpinning of Hemp by the Rock, for the making of Dowlaſs, Sheeting, and other plain Linens, would be of advantage to the trade of this Kingdom, we the ſaid Truſtees, will give the ſame encouragement for the ſpinning *Hemp by the Rock*, for the uſes and purpoſes aforeſaid, as we give to the Spinning-ſchools for Flax, on proper propoſals to us made for that purpoſe.

ORDERED, That the ſum of 16l. be advanced to William Baxter, for the purchaſe of four Looms; he being obliged to return the ſame in the following manner; viz. 5l. at the end of one year, 5l. more at the end of the ſecond year, and the remaining 6l. at the end of the third year; he giving Bonds for the keeping the ſaid Looms employed for three years, and to return the ſaid 16l. as above ſet forth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2d, 1720.

A Letter from Sir Alexander Cairns to His Excellency Mr. Conolly, propoſing to raiſe a million of money for propagating Hemp in this Kingdom, being read,

ORDERED, That it be referred to a Committee of any five of the Truſtees; and that they meet to-morrow at eleven.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, 1720.

The Committee appointed to conſider the Letter and Propoſals of Sir Alexander Cairnes, for raiſing a Bank of one million for the raiſing of Hemp in this Kingdom, reported, that the propoſals made to them, are in ſuch general and uncertain terms, they know not how to form a judgment thereon; but when the promoters of this project, or any other, will pleaſe to lay before them in plain and direct terms, a ſcheme which will conduce to the benefit of the trade committed to their truſt, they will be ready on their parts to promote the ſame.

ORDERED, That the Secretary ſend the ſaid Report to Sir Alexander Cairnes, encloſed to the Lord Juſtice Conolly.

RESOLVED, That ſuch perſons as are under contract with this Board, do ſend up quarterly accounts of their Proceedings to this Board, within fourteen days after the cloſe of the quarter; and that ſuch perſons as ſhall fail to ſend up ſuch quarterly accounts within the time limited, ſhall receive no benefit on their Contract.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to all perſons who are under contract with this Board, to give them notice of the above reſolution.

ORDERED, That the following Paragraph be added to the Commiſſions given to the Itinerant Inſpectors appointed to examine into the bleaching with Lime, and to put the Laws in execution.

" You are alſo directed to inſpect all work-houſes and " places where Flaxen Cloths are wove; and obſerve whe- " ther the Weavers do weave at the end of their Cloths, a " Black or other Thread, ſufficient to ſhew the number of " hundreds and beers contained in the ſaid Cloth; and whe- " ther any perſon or perſons preſume to weave Linen Cloths, " not having ſerved his or their Apprenticeſhip to the trade " of weaving Flaxen Cloth for the ſpace of five years; and " not having wrought at the Flaxen Trade as a journeyman " for the ſpace of two years, according to the tenor of the " ſeveral Acts of Parliament in thoſe caſes provided; and " where you find any infringement of the laws in theſe par- " ticulars, you are required hereby to acquaint the next " Juſtice of the Peace therewith, in order to their being " proceeded againſt according to law."

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1720.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Letter of Robert Hamilton, John Wilſon, and Michael Dickſon, to Francis Lucas, Eſq; being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that as to the firſt part of their repreſentation, that they dare not proceed to lap Linen-cloth, leſt they ſhould incur the penalty of 1l. by the default of others, who re-lap their Cloth, to prevent the coarſeſt part being made the Lap-yard, your Committee are of opinion, that your Secretary write them word, that they can incur no danger of forfeiting the 1l. a piece, (on that account) becauſe that is not cognizable before the Juſtice of the Peace; but your Committee hold it adviſeable, that the Lappers ſhould take care to keep an account of the pieces of Cloth they lap; and put a private mark to each Cloth which they lap and ſtamp, to the end they may know it again whenever they are charged therewith; and if they in point of prudence, take care to lap their Cloths which they do ſtamp and lap, in the preſence of their ſervants, who aſſiſt them in the Beetling and Lapping, it will be next to impoſſible to bring a charge againſt them, provided they behave themſelves as becometh.

2d. They repreſent that there are many good Linen Cloths made in the country, without the Black Thread to mark the hundreds and beers, for want of which, the Lappers ſay, they dare not lap or ſtamp the ſame; nor the country dare not ſell them.

Anſwer.—Your Committee deſire your Secretary may acquaint them, that their duty, as Lappers, is to view, examine, and meaſure, all and every ſuch piece or pieces of Linen-cloth, as ſhall be produced and offered to him or them; and if ſuch Cloth appear to be merchantable, and purſuant to the good laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture in force in this Kingdom, then ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall and may lap, &c. It is apparent, that by the Statute of the ninth of Queen Ann, the uſe of the Black Thread is required, and made a regulation. The Truſtees can in no ſort diſpenſe with the Laws of the Land; the employers of the Weavers may eaſily, if they pleaſe, bring them to conform to the Law; therefore, it is they that bring this miſchief upon themſelves and the trade.

3d. The third thing which they repreſent, is, that there are many good pieces of Cloth, that by a miſchance, has got a rent in the ſelvage by the wind in the time of bleaching, or a breach with the weavers temples, or a hole in it by ſome accident or other, may be to the damage of 4d. or 6d. more or leſs, they dare not lap ſuch piece; and, therefore, humbly beg directions therein.

Anſwer.—Your Committee conceive, that your Secretary ought to write to them, that they muſt conform to the Statute, which requires them to obſerve, what is merchantable, and what is not merchantable: if the rents in the ſelvage, by the wind or by the weavers temples, or the hole or holes be ſuch in the Linen-cloth, as render it unmerchantable, they muſt not, nor ought not to lap or ſtamp ſuch cloths; therefore, they muſt judge for themſelves in theſe caſes.

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4th. They deſire to be informed, whether they may lap and ſtamp thin Cloths.

Anſwer.—Surely they may, if the Cloth be thin and ſleazy throughout, that does not hinder; but that they ought to be lapped and ſtamped, to aſcertain the meaſure, and to prevent the other frauds intended to be prevented by this Act; for a thin Cloth is as requiſite in trade, as a thick one for certain purpoſes; but if Cloths be wove, ſome parts thick, and ſome parts thin, apparently to deceive the dealer, ſuch Cloths ought not to be lapped.

5th. The Lappers are deterred from following their employs, by certain perſons who watch for opportunities to inform againſt them, who will lay hold of ſmall occaſions to give them diſturbance.

Anſwer.—This is in no ſort preventable, otherwiſe than by the Lappers faithful diſcharge of their duties. It is not to be preſumed, that the Juſtices of the Peace will countenance unreaſonable proſecutions; it is time enough to complain of theſe matters, when any thing of the kind happens; when the Truſtees, in diſcharge of their truſt, will act conformably to reaſon and juſtice.

SATURDAY, June 11th, 1720.

Resolved, That 20l. be the penalty to be inſerted in the Itinerant Hemp and Flax-men's Bonds.

Resolved, That 30l. be the penalty to be inſerted in the Bonds for the Miſtreſſes of the Spinning-ſchools.

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on Sir Sam. Cook, and inform him, that the Callender by him ſeized for the rent of James Sedgwick, belongs to this Board; and to deſire that it may be reſtored.

SATURDAY, June 18th, 1720.

Ordered, That all the Itinerant Hemp and Flax-men, give Bonds of double the value of the tools, to return them when demanded.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Robert Dawſon, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have conſidered the Petition of Robert Dawſon, and finding that the Steel Leath he propoſes, is not known or uſed in this Kingdom, we do not think his Propoſals are ſuch as to be accepted of at preſent.

SATURDAY, June 25th, 1720.

Ordered, That Mr. Phepoe go to James Sedgwick's, and bring home the Looms, Thread-mill, and other utenſils, lent to the ſaid James Sedgwick.

THURSDAY, June 30th, 1720.

John Hadden appointed a Public Lapper in the County of Armagh, by an order of the 9th of this inſtant,

Having ſent up his Bonds and Inſtructions perfected, and it appearing by his Bonds, that he could not write, and, therefore, not keep the account he is obliged to by his Inſtructions,

Resolved, That he ſhall not be appointed a Lapper in the ſaid County; and that the Secretary give him notice thereof.

The Report of the Committee on the Letter of Richard Hall, of the 27th of May laſt, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that James Bradſhaw be ſent to Holland, to join Richard Hall, according to his deſire; and that the following Inſtructions be given to James Bradſhaw, to be obſerved by him and Hall, during their being abroad.

INSTRUCTIONS to James Bradshaw.

1ſt. You are forthwith to join Richard Hall, and conſult together, how each of you may beſt promote the Linen and Hempen Trades of this Kingdom.

2d. You are to inform yourſelf on your arrival in Holland, of the manner of cultivating, raiſing, anddreſſing of Flax and Hemp throughout thoſe Parts; whether the Flax or Hemp be raiſed by the farmers or countrymen, or by men that make a trade and profeſſion of ſo doing: if you diſcover that there is any art or myſtery uſed by thoſe who cultivate and raiſe the Flax or Hemp, not known or practiſed in this Kingdom, you are to uſe your utmoſt endeavours to procure one of thoſe ſort of perſons ſo ſkilled as aforeſaid, to come over hither, and ſettle in this Kingdom, on the beſt terms that you and Richard Hall can make with him.

3d. You are to obſerve the Flax and Hemp-dreſſers in thoſe parts, if you do find them exceed thoſe in this Kingdom, whether it be in Watering, Swingling, Hatchelling, or Bruſhing, or any other ways of dreſſing of Flax; you are in like manner to procure one of the moſt ſkilful in theſe arts and myſteries, to be ſent hither.

4th. You muſt obſerve where the beſt Spinners are in thoſe countries, what ſort of Wheels they make uſe of; if you find that in ſome countries where they ſpin for Linen-cloth, called Shirting, in a different manner from any other ſorts of Cloths, you are to obſerve the ſame, and regiſter it, to the end you may inform the people of this Kingdom, how to conform thereto: You muſt take care, likewiſe, to ſend us patterns of the ſeveral ſorts of Wheels you obſerve uſed in thoſe countries: You muſt be ſure to ſend us over one of their beſt Spinners, if you perceive that they can teach and inſtruct our people in a better manner of Spinning than is at preſent uſed in this Kingdom.

5th. You muſt be exceeding careful to obſerve and diſcover, as far as in you lies, all the myſteries relating to the Weaving Trade; if you find that they make uſe of any Looms, Geers, or other utenſils not commonly uſed in Ireland, and requiſite to improve the Linen or Hempen Trade, be you ſure to ſend one or two of each ſort of theſe hither.

6th. If their Weavers exceed ours, and that in your judgment our people here cannot be inſtructed by you at your return, you are to ſend hither ſuch artiſt or artiſts in the Weaving Trade, as will moſt conduce to the benefit and advantage of it in Ireland.

7th. You muſt inform yourſelf in all the branches relating to Bleaching, where you diſcover that there are certain ſecrets which are made uſe of in that trade; you are to procure a ſkilful Bleacher to come hither, on the beſt terms that you or Richard Hall can make with him.

8th. You are to inform yourſelf, at what prices the ſeveral ſorts of Hemp or Flax are ſold at, in the ſeveral countries you reſort to, the prices of the ſeveral ſorts of Yarn, the wages given to Weavers, Bleachers, &c. and the gain each man makes by his trade in theſe countries.

9th. Having diſpatched your buſineſs in all the places capable of improving you and Richard Hall, in all the myſteries relating to theſe trades, you muſt each of you

repair to Flanders, and there put in practice the ſame things you are directed to perform in Holland; where if you find there are perſons better ſkilled in any of the above-mentioned branches of trade, or any engines more proper for the working therein, or commonly uſed there, you are to ſend over hither the moſt ſkilful in theſe myſteries you can procure; and likewiſe one or more of their engines of each ſort, whereby others may be made in this Kingdom.

10th. If you can procure in Flanders, a good Bone Lace Weaver, capable of inſtructing the youth of this Kingdom in the art of weaving all ſorts of Lace, take care to ſend one or more hither, on the beſt terms you can poſſibly agree.

11th. If you obſerve there are any ſorts of Linen, or other merchandize mixed with Linen, made in Holland or Flanders, which would be a good commodity here, or that we may vend to foreign parts with advantage, you are to pry into the ſame and acquaint us therewith, to the end you may receive our directions thereon.

12th. Having diſpatched your buſineſs in Flanders, you and Richard Hall are to repair to Picardy, Normandy, and Britany, to make the ſame obſervations you did in Holland and Flanders; but more particularly with relation to the Dowlaſs, and other plain and coarſe Linen made in thoſe countries. If there be any myſteries practiſed in any of thoſe countries, not practiſed in Holland and Flanders, and which you cannot yourſelves communicate to the people of this country at your return, you are to take care to ſend artiſts in the ſeveral branches hither.

13th. You muſt be punctual in correſponding with our Secretary, and in obſerving ſuch orders and directions as you ſhall receive from him in our names: You muſt likewiſe pry into the method and manner of making Paper, and obſerve what materials are uſed therein: likewiſe the making of Soap, the ingredients, and what the coſt of it is in the ſeveral parts you paſs through: You are likewiſe to inform yourſelf, where the ſeveral Countries furniſh themſelves with Seed; at what coſt; how long they uſe it; or any other obſervation you can make thereon: You and Richard Hall muſt keep a Journal of all your Proceedings, and enter all your Obſervations, in order to lay the ſame before this Board: You are to do the like with regard to their aſhes, or any other foreign materials, where and how they are ſupplied therewith, and at what expence.

SATURDAY, July 9th, 1720.

The Report of the Committee on the Propoſal of Thomas Strutton, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Propoſal of Thomas Strutton, of Drumſna, in the County of Leitrim, for the ſetting up a Flax-ſhop, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that on his entering into contract, and giving Mr. Joſeph Campbell for his ſecurity, that he will ſet up a Flax-ſhop, and employ the ſum of 250l. capital ſtock, in the ſaid ſhop for ſeven years; and to keep it conſtantly ſupplied with Flax and Yarn, which Flax he ſhall lend out to any poor Spinners of credit, as far as one week's work goes, to be paid for the ſame on its being wrought up; and be obliged to ſort the ſaid Yarn, and have it reeled according to Act of Parliament; and lend out the ſaid Yarn to poor Weavers of credit, to be paid for the Yarn when the Web is made; and obliging himſelf to have two apprentices conſtantly employed and inſtructing in the art of ſcutching and hatcheling Flax: that then he ſhall be allowed 15l. per annum for the ſaid ſeven years; and that a ſet of Flax Hatchells be lent him; and that he have two hogſheads of Flax-ſeed the firſt year.

Ordered, That it be an addition to the Inſtructions of James Bradſhaw and Richard Hall, that they diligently enquire into the methods uſed in Holland, for dying of Linen Yarn Colours in Grain, and that will waſh; and that they look out for ſome perſon well ſkilled in that art, and make an agreement with him to come over here to inſtruct others; and that the Secretary write to Richard Hall, to direct him to make ſuch enquiry forthwith, till Bradſhaw come to him.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Meſſ. Boyle and Lenox, Contractors, to inform them, that the Board has received information, that there are quantities of Hemp raiſed in that country, which they neglect to buy; and that the Board is reſolved to withdraw the encouragement offered for working foreign Hemp, if they neglect to buy up the produce of the country.

SATURDAY, July 16th, 1720.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Wheeler and William Curtis, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that it is not proper to give any encouragement to the making of Flaxen Sail-cloth, being not ſo ſtrong or ſerviceable as Hemp.

THURSDAY, July 21ſt, 1720.

Reſolved, That James M'Cartney, Eſq; be recommended to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, to be a Truſtee, in the room of the late Lord Chief Juſtice Forſter, deceaſed.

SATURDAY, July 23d, 1720.

There having been a piece of Linen Cloth, ſtamped by Thomas Hutchinſon, Lapper, in the Pariſh of Loughgall, and County of Armagh, and marked twenty yards, laid before this Board, which, on meaſuring, was found to be ſhort in meaſure by three-quarters of a yard.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Major Richardſon, who certified for him, to inform him of his procedure; and to deſire him to order the ſaid Thomas Hutchinſon to deliver up his Seals and Yard to him; and to let him and the country know, that his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

There having been a complaint made to this Board, that Anthony Finigan of the Pariſh of Aghaderg, Lapper, in the County of Down, employed his wife to go about the country, and ſtamp all Cloths without diſtinction, and without lapping them,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to his Security, Andrew Donaldſon, of Loughbrickland, to deſire him to take the Seals of the ſaid Finigan, and keep them in his poſſeſſion, till the ſaid Finigan ſhall anſwer the ſaid complaint; and to direct him to order the ſaid Finigan to come up to town by this day ſe'nnight, to juſtify himſelf againſt the charge that is laid againſt him, or otherwiſe to let him know, that his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

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Whereas Anthony Finigan of Loughbrickland, appointed by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, a Lapper in the County of Down, has frequently, contrary to his Commiſſion and Inſtructions, employed a Deputy, and marked

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ſeveral pieces of Linen brought to him, with a greater number of yards than they really were, and ſeveral of the ſaid pieces were wet when lapped by him;

This is to give notice to all whom it may concern, that the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture have ſuperſeded the ſaid Anthony Finigan in his Commiſſion, and deſign to proſecute his Bonds; and give this notice, that no dealer or other perſon ſhould make uſe of him to lap their Cloths.

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to his Bail at Loughbrickland, to ſend up his Seals, Commiſſion, and Inſtructions; and to inform him, that his Bonds will be put in ſuit, for his having lapped Cloths ſhort of meaſure, and wet, as alſo for his having employed a Deputy; and alſo, that he preſume to lap no Cloths for the future; and that if he ſhould, the Board will proſecute him for a cheat, and as a counterfeiter of their Stamp.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1720.

ORDERED, That Benjamin Wilkes, be appointed Itinerant Hemp and Flax-man for the County of Meath; and that his reſidence be at Kells.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1720.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Iſaac Davenport, of Coote-Hill, being read, was agreed to, with the following Amendment; viz. That the ſaid Iſaac Davenport, by the end of two years, ſhall either enter into a new Contract, to make 500l. worth of Boſs at his own expence, yearly, for three years, from the expiration of the ſeven years wherein he is to get the premium from the Board, or elſe to have no further allowance.

Upon conſideration of which propoſal, we are of opinion, he may be allowed 6l. per cent. during the term of ſeven years, for ſuch quantities of Boſs as ſhall be made up by him, in imitation of the Dutch, and ſhall be vended, provided the yearly intereſt ſo to be paid, do not in any one year exceed 40l. ſterl. and on his entering into proper contract.

ORDERED, That the above Clauſe, added to the Report of the Committee on Iſaac Davenport's Petition, be a ſtanding rule in all Contracts for a term of years.

Darby Cullen of the City of Dublin, Linen-Draper, having laid a piece of Cloth, lapped and ſtamped by Hugh Hudſon, appointed Lapper in the County of Down, which piece the ſaid Cullen bought of James Barber of the ſaid County, together with two other pieces, which pieces were lapped with the coarſeſt of the Cloths outward,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to the ſaid Hudſon, to come to Dublin immediately, to anſwer the Complaint that is made againſt him; and that he alſo bring his Commiſſion, Inſtructions, and Seals with him.

The Report of the Committee on the behaviour of, and a complaint againſt George Hagar, being read, was agreed to.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not employ the ſaid Hagar for the future; and that 5l. be paid to the ſaid Hagar, to bear his expences back to England.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1720.

There having been a Letter writ to Hugh Hudſon, Lapper in the County of Down, by an order of the 24th of September, 1720, on a Complaint made againſt him by Darby Cullen, to which he has returned no Anſwer,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the Juſtice of Peace, who certified for the ſaid Hudſon, to deſire him to take the Seals and Commiſſion from the ſaid Hudſon; and another to his Security, to inform him, that his Bonds ſhall be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22d, 1720.

RESOLVED, That all Contractors with this Board for the making of Boſs, be obliged to reel their Boſs on a Reel of forty-five inches.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1720.

The Petition of Thomas Boardman, deſiring ſome Hatchells for the dreſſing of Hemp and Flax, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary deliver him three Hemp Hatchells, two coarſe Flax Hatchells, one fine one, and one ſuperfine one, on his giving bonds to return them when demanded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1720.

The Committee to whom Mr. Waring's Letter was referred, reported as follows:

That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Waring, to thank him for his care and diligence in detecting the abuſes committed by the Lappers, contrary to Act of Parliament; and that the Board approves of the method of putting the Lapper's name on the meeting of the two rolls of the Cloth when lapped, to prevent its being re-lapped; but deſire to be informed, whether it may not damage the Cloth.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1720.

A Commiſſion for William Stewart, to inſpect the houſes of Weavers in the County of Antrim, being laid before the Board, was agreed to, and is as follows:

By the TRUSTEES of the LINEN MANUFACTURE.

Whereas great abuſes have been, and ſtill are committed by the Linen Weavers, to the great detriment and diſcredit of the Linen Manufacture, by waſting and embezzling the Yarn brought to them, and by not weaving ſuch Yarn, in the time agreed on between them and the Houſe-wives; as alſo, by their neglecting to run a Black Thread croſs the warp of Cloths wove by them, to diſtinguiſh the hundreds and ſcores of ſuch Cloths; and that they commit ſeveral other abuſes in Weaving, by making thin and narrow Cloths, and not of the lengths and breadths appointed by Act of Parliament; and whereas there are ſeveral Maſter-weavers, who hire Journeymen-weavers, without their having proper Certificates from their former Maſters, as is by law required, and that ſeveral perſons ſet up for themſelves to be Weavers, without having ſerved their apprenticeſhip of five years, and as a Journeyman for two years, according to Act of Parliament: Now we being well ſatisfied of the capacity and integrity of you, William Stewart, to detect and diſcover ſuch abuſes, and to inſtruct the Weavers in making good Cloths, do hereby authoriſe and impower William Stewart, of Antrim, to inſpect and view the Workhouſes and Looms of the ſeveral Weavers in the County of Antrim, and Liberties of Coleraine; and to examine and inſpect into the ſeveral abuſes before-mentioned, committed by the Weavers, and to give information of ſuch as he ſhall find, to the next Juſtice of the Peace, in order

order to their being profecuted at Law for ſuch their offences, and to report to this Board from time to time a particular account of his proceedings herein.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1720—21.

Thomas Turner, having, by an Order of the 5th of this inſtant, been re-eſtabliſhed in his ſalary of 40l. per annum,

ORDERED, That he lay before this Board a ſcheme, ſhewing how he will advantage and improve the Linen Manufacture, ſo as to deſerve the ſaid ſalary.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ſt, 1720—21.

ORDERED, That the time limited for James Orr and Robert M'Clenaghan, to ſupply Lewis Laurence with Thread and Boſs, be at or before the 1ſt of June 1721, and that he be obliged to ſupply the ſaid ſhop with 300l. worth of goods for five years, from the date of his Contract.

ORDERED, That an advertiſement be printed, ſetting forth the ſeveral prices of the Thread to be ſold by the ſaid Lawrence, and informing the Kingdom where they may be ſupplied with ſuch Thread.

A Letter from Bridget Robiſon being read, propoſing to make ſuch colours as will hold in Stamping of Linen.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to her, to deſire her to ſend up a pattern of her work, and to let her know that if it anſwers the expectation of this Board, that ſhe ſhall meet with all due encouragement.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to Mr. Ward in London, to deſire him to enquire into the nature of the conſtitution of Blackwell-Hall, and of the Hall at Hamborough, and to deſire him to give an account to the Board of the methods uſed by them, for the advancement of the Trade.

Two *Commiſſions*, for Charles Adderly and Samuel Clarke, to ſeize all unſtatutable Thread, Linens and Tapes, being read, were agreed to, and ſigned, and are as follow:

We the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, being well ſatisfied of the capacity and integrity of you to detect and diſcover the frauds and abuſes provided againſt by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the ſixth Year of his Majeſty King George, intitled an Act for the better regulating the buying and ſelling of Yarn and Cloth, and further improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture, do hereby, authorize and impower you,
of the during the pleaſure of the ſaid Truſtees, that in caſe any Thread, Tape, Chats, Inkles, Filleting, Braids, Ferreting, Shoe-lace, Points or Bobbin, whatſoever, that is not conformable to the lengths, breadths and rules, directed by ſaid Act, which ſhall be by you found in the cuſtody of any Weaver, Shop-keeper, petty Chapman or Retailer, you ſhall ſeize, and carry ſuch Thread, Tape, Chats, Inkles, Filleting, Braids, Ferreting, Shoe-lace, Points or Bobbin, before any Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, within their reſpective juriſdictions, to be diſpoſed of as the ſaid Act of Parliament directs and appoints; and if any perſon or perſons ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale, any bleached or white Linen Cloth not being marked or ſtamped as directed, you are to apply to any Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, within their reſpective juriſdictions in the ſaid County, in order to his hearing and finally determining the ſame, as the ſaid Act of Parliament directs and appoints.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1720—21.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do write to Robert Taylor, Eſq; to deſire him to make an experiment how far he can improve the moſt degenerate Iriſh Flax Seed, and to let him know that the Board will be at the expence of the experiment.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1720—21.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Sutton, being read, was agreed to.

He ſets forth in his Petition, that he has a method of keeping Flax-ſeed from degenerating, which will ſave a great expence in the importation of it, your Committee is of opinion that he ſhould diſcloſe his ſecret to the Board, and if it anſwers expectation, that he receives ſuch encouragement as the Board ſhall think proper.

The Report of the Committee on the Manufactures of Dunkittle and Rathkeale, and ſeveral letters from Mr. Hoare being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to conſider Mr. Juſtice Coote's Letter of the 2d of October laſt, directed to your Secretary, and likewiſe to conſider what methods might properly be taken by the Board, for the further encouragement of the Hempen Manufacturers in Munſter, have met and conſidered the ſame.

Your Committee agree in opinion with Mr. Juſtice Coote, that Hemp-ſeed be given gratis to twenty-four gentlemen, who have undertaken to ſow ſix acres each of them, this enſuing ſeaſon, (that is to ſay) if ſo many hogſheads can be produced this ſeaſon.

The terms propoſed to theſe gentlemen to encourage their ſowing the ſaid ſeed were, that they ſhould oblige themſelves, to ſow annually for three years ſucceſſively, the like quantity of Hemp-ſeed as the Board gave them, which the ſaid gentlemen do not care to undertake, being unwilling to bind themſelves farther than for one year: Your Committee therefore, conceive it reaſonable to offer them this alternative, that ſuch of them as will ſow or cauſe to be ſown for three years ſucceſſively, the like quantity of ſeed as the Board gives them, ſhall have their ſeed gratis; but ſuch as will not ſubject themſelves to the above terms, ſhall be obliged to deliver to the Board or their order, at the end of the firſt year, the like quantity of the produce ſeed as they receive from the Board; by this means a hundred and twenty-four hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed, will be ſowed annually for three years, which will ſtock the Country with Hemp-ſeed, and furniſh Hemp ſufficient to carry on your Factories at Rathkeale and Dunkittle, and likewiſe eſtabliſh a Cordage Factory, which would be of great advantage to the Nation with regard to their Navigation Your Committee conceive that it would be for the public ſervice, to endeavour to make ſome agreement with John Bury, Eſq; and ſome other of the gentlemen who live contiguous to the Shannon, for the erecting of a Cordage Factory, whereby you will employ all your coarſe Hemp that will be proper for Cordage, and not proper for Sail-cloath.

Nothing has conduced more to the diſcouraging the people of this Kingdom from applying of themſelves and turning their induſtry to their ſowing and raiſing of Hemp, than their want of ſkill how to chooſe their grounds proper for the ſame, and likewiſe how to manage it when ſowed, in order to fit it for a Market: Your Committee are informed,

informed, that there is a Palatine near Rathkeale, very ſkilful in all thoſe myſteries, and one Mr. Gurnall a very induſtrious ſkilful man, your Committee conceive that if each of theſe two perſons had a ſalary from the Board of 10l. a year, to be in the nature of Itinerant Men for the Counties of Clare and Limerick, with directions to chooſe the ground, and teach and inſtruct the Gentlemen of the Country with whom you contract, how to manage their Seed, and the Produce thereof, your Committee are fully perſuaded the Gentlemen and Farmers of the Country, will raiſe a ſufficient quantity of Hemp to anſwer the ſaid Cloth and Cordage Trade, of the Southern part of this Kingdom.

Your Committee are informed, that Flaxen Sail-cloth has been made at Rathkeale, ſtamped and ſealed with their Seals and Stamps, in the ſame manner as they ſtamp and ſeal their Hempen Sail-cloth, which they excuſe, by alledging that Flaxen Sail-cloth is neceſſary for the Small-craft: Your Committee conceive that this may have very dangerous conſequences, therefore are humbly of opinion, that the Sail-cloth Factories, under the direction of the Board, be obliged to ſtamp their Flaxen Sail-cloth with a Stamp of its being flaxen at each end of the Bolt, otherwiſe that they be totally prohibited from making any Flaxen Sail-cloth, and that they may be informed by your Secretary, that this Board will reſent in the higheſt manner poſſible, their proceeding contrary hereto.

Meſſrs. Boyle and Lennox, and Mr. Hoare, by their reſpective letters, have laid before you, how that each of them have been obliged to give wages to their reſpective Bleachers more than they are allowed for by the Board, and ſeem to make a demand on the Board for an encreaſe of ſalary accordingly to their reſpective Bleachers: Your Committee are humbly of opinion that there is no reaſon for the Board's encreaſing their ſalary, for the profit reſulting from the drawbacks on the Sail-cloth made of native Hemp, will ſufficiently recompenſe them for the expences they mention, and if ſome Weavers were ſettled in Dublin, it would be a means to diffuſe the Sail-cloth Trade, and make it more general than it is in the Kingdom, the rather that by this means you'd make your Hemp-mill erected near Dublin of uſe to the public, and having a Sail-cloth Factory managed in the City of Dublin, under your own eye and direction, would probably bring it to as high a degree of perfection as the Kingdom is capable of.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 1720—21.

The Reverend Mr. Jaſper Brett having returned the Bonds of James Orr and Robert M'Clenaghan perfected, but not having taken the Securities by them propoſed when in Dublin,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to the ſaid Mr. Brett, to deſire he would enquire into the ſufficiency of the Security by him taken for the ſaid Orr and M'Clenaghan, and take the Securities Oath, that they are worth the ſum of money for which they are become bound, and that then they will accept of their Security.

The Report of the Committee on the *Inſtructions* to be given to *Lappers* being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider what further Inſtructions are proper to be given to the Lappers, for the enſuing year, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion that the following Inſtructions be added to the Inſtructions formerly given to the Lappers; viz.

1ſt. That no Lapper do ſtamp any Linen Cloth in any Fair, during the continuance of ſuch Fair.

2d. That all Lappers do ſeize all Cloth that ſhall not be ſtamped according to Act of Parliament, and bring them before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, in order to levy the Penalty appointed by Act of Parliament.

3d. That the firſt Letters of the Lappers Chriſtian and Sur-names, and number of Yards be ſtamped on the middle part of the Selvage of the Lap-yard of the Cloth, and that the ſaid Letters be clean and fairly taken off, and that the impreſſion be made with Lamp-black and Oil.

We are alſo of opinion that the ſaid Letters be provided for each public Lapper, at the expence of this Board.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th, 1720—21.

Whereas the Board is informed that there are ſeveral great abuſes committed by the Lappers commiſſioned by this Board, and that great quantities of bleached Cloths are expoſed to ſale, without being ſtamped according to Act of Parliament,

ORDERED, That John Bevans be ſent down to the Fairs of Banbridge and Armagh, to inſpect into the behaviour of the ſeveral Lappers of thoſe Fairs, and make his Report to this Board, and that he put the Laws in Execution againſt all offenders againſt the Laws, made for the Improvement of the Linen Manufacture.

Two Letters were writ and directed to John Haltridge, Eſq; of Dromore, and Thomas Dawſon, Eſq; of Armagh, deſiring they would aſſiſt the ſaid Bevans in the Execution of his ſaid Commiſſion, at the Fairs of Banbridge and Armagh.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Adam M'Guffog and James Maſters, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have taken into conſideration the Petition of Adam M'Guffog, deſiring Seed and Hatchels: As for the Seed, your Committee find that all the Seed imported is diſpoſed of; and as for the Hatchells he deſires, we do not find that he is a Flax-dreſſer by Trade, and are therefore of opinion, that if he has any Flax to dreſs, he may repair to the perſon appointed by this Board as Itinerant Man for the County, and have it dreſſed according to Art.

We have alſo taken into conſideration the Petition of James Maſters, wherein he deſires to be employed as a Flax-dreſſer, but having no good Character of him, are of opinion that he is not a proper perſon to be employed by this Board.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1721.

A Petition to the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty, praying that the Bleach-yard at Chapel-Izod may be granted to this Board, as alſo a Memorial to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, deſiring they would be pleaſed to lay the ſaid Petition before his Majeſty, being laid before the Board by the Committee appointed to draw up the ſame, were read, and agreed to by the Board.

A Scheme being laid before the Board by Mr. Lucas, for the improvement of fine Linens,

ORDERED, That it be referred to the conſideration of the next Committee, and that they report their opinion thereon to the Board, how it may be moſt practicable.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, April 22d, 1721.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Letter of Samuel Waring, Eſq; and to conſider of Mr. Lucas's ſcheme for the improvement of fine Linen, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that a Letter be writ to Mr. Waring, deſiring him to enquire into ſuch perſons as have counterfeited the Stamps, and to have them proſecuted as far as is within the reach of his Commiſſion; and if it appear to him, that the perſons ſo offending are out of his reach, that he get the Examinations ſworn againſt them, and ſend them up to this Board, in order to get my Lord Chief Juſtice's Warrant.

Your Committee are likewiſe of opinion, that a Letter be writ by our Secretary, to every one of the Truſtees reſiding in the country, to enquire into the qualifications of the ſeveral Lappers in their neighbourhood, and lay their ſentiments before this Board, of the ſaid ſeveral Lappers, in order to the removing thoſe who ſhall appear to be improper for that truſt.

We have alſo conſidered the ſcheme laid before this Board by Francis Lucas, Eſq; for the improvement of fine Linens, and are of opinion, that the ſaid ſcheme, will be very advantageous to the Public; and that it ſhould be put in practice as ſoon as poſſible.

SATURDAY, April 29th, 1721.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Samuel Robinſon's Letter being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that the word *Flax* be ſtamped on both ends of Flaxen Sail-cloth, that the buyers thereof may not be deceived in the Cloth.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Jolly, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Thomas Jolly, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that the purport of his Petition, is, to be employed as Itinerant Man for the City of Dublin, to examine into the ſeveral Contracts made with this Board: We alſo find, by ſeveral Returns made to this Board, of the ſtate of ſeveral Manufactures which he has been ſent to view, that the man is very capable of ſuch an employ; and that there being ſo many perſons who have contracted with this Board, within the City and places adjacent, it will be of great uſe and advantage to the Board, to have ſuch a perſon employed to examine into the ſeveral Contracts made with this Board; and are of opinion, that he be ſo employed, at a ſalary of 10l. per annum, from the 25th of March laſt; and be obliged to make monthly returns of the proceedings of the ſeveral Manufacturers, and an abſtract of the whole every quarter.

TUESDAY, May 2d, 1721.

A Letter from John Clifford, being read, deſiring, that the Board would accept of Capt. William Slack, as ſecurity for the performance of his office of Lapper, in the room of Mr. David Chalmors, who deſires to withdraw his Security,

Ordered, That the Secretary do enquire into the validity of the ſecurity, and ſend down bonds to be perfected by the ſaid Clifford, Slack, and his other ſecurity, if he find them ſufficient.

WEDNESDAY, May 3d, 1721.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Contract of Thomas Smyth, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the ſeveral Contracts made with this Board, have met, and conſidered the Contract made with Thomas Smyth, and find, he entered into contract with this Board, in conſideration of 20l. to ſet up three Looms, and keep them employed for three years, on the making of ſtrong brocaded Linens, proper for Breeches, Waiſtcoats, Frocks for Servants, Beds, &c.

It appears that the ſaid Smyth, has in ſtock of Yarn and other things, to the value of 23l. 15s. 4d. but we do not find, that any part thereof is by him employed in the making the goods for which he contracted with the Board, wherefore, your Committee are humbly of opinion, that the ſaid Smyth be obliged to pay in the money advanced him by the Board, in a reaſonable day to be aſſigned him by the Board, or that his Bond be put in ſuit.

Resolved, That if the ſaid Smyth do not repay the 20l. lent him by this Board, within one month after notice left at his houſe, that his Bonds be put in ſuit.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Contract of Thomas Thackerey, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to enquire into the ſeveral Contracts made with this Board, have met, and conſidered the Contract of Thomas Thackerey, and find, he entered into contract with this Board, obliging himſelf in the penalty of 54l. to make four hundred weight of Candle Wick Yarn, of Flax or Tow, as good as any Engliſh Candle Wick; and to ſell the ſame to all perſons, at 5l. 2s. 8d. per hundred; and to continue making the ſame, ſo long as this Board ſhould continue the ſtock of 27l. in his hands.

Your Committee are informed, that the ſaid Thackery has tranſported himſelf to Penſylvania.

Your Committee is of opinion, That the encouragement of ſuch a Factory, would be of great uſe to the Public, there being great quantities of Cotton Candle Wick imported and conſumed in this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, May 6th, 1721.

Resolved, That for the future no Hatchels be received by this Board, that have not been viewed by Thomas Jolly, and tried by two able workmen in his preſence; and that Taylor give new Bonds, obliging himſelf to ſharpen all the Hatchel Pins on a poliſhing ſtone.

Ordered, That the next Committee take it into conſideration, whether the ſending of Threads and Tapes to the Weſt-Indies, would not be of great advantage to the trade of this Kingdom; and to report how the ſame may be made moſt effectual.

TUESDAY, May 9th, 1721.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Ward, to thank him for his Letter, and to deſire he would farther enquire into the nature of Blackwell-Hall, to know on what foundation it is ſupported, what ſalary to the officers, what fund to pay the ſeveral other officers; and to deſire he would procure a Copy of the Act of Parliament conſtituting Blackwell-Hall, as well as all others that relate to the encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture; and to make

make ſuch other remarks as he ſhould think proper, on the Sail-cloth Manufacture; and that he would give ſuch directions as he ſhould think neceſſary, for the ſending over conſtantly, an account of the Imports and Exports of the Port of London.

ORDERED, That a Committee do ſit *de die in diem*, to conſider further of the ſaid Letter and Report, how an Office ſet up after the nature of Blackwell-Hall, may be made of moſt uſe to the Linen Manufacture.

A Letter from James Bradſhaw, being an account of a parcel of Linen and Yarn, by him bought for the making of an experiment in Bleaching, in Holland, being read,

ORDERED, That the Secretary get the ſaid Linen and Yarn tranſported to Hall in Holland, directing him to get the ſaid Linen whitened to the utmoſt perfection that they can be brought to in Holland; and that he get the Yarn wove up into Cloth, and then whitened as well as poſſible; and that he purchaſe ſome pieces of Green Cloth, of the ſame ſets, and a like quantity of Green Yarn, in order to have them whitened, and wove up here; and that he buy a like number of pieces of Hollands, of the ſame ſets, ready whitened, in order to be compared with one another.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1721.

Inſtructions given by the Honourable the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, to Thomas Jolly, their Itinerant Man for the County of the City of Dublin, and County of Dublin, how and in what manner he the ſaid Thomas Jolly ſhall behave himſelf, in the ſervice and truſt of Itinerant Man towards the ſaid Truſtees.

1ſt. Whereas the ſaid Truſtees have cauſed Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; their Secretary, to deliver to him the ſaid Thomas Jolly, an Abſtract under his the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher's Hand, of all and every the Contracts made by the ſaid Truſtees, with the ſeveral artiſts employed by them in the working or making of Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures, in the ſaid County of the City of Dublin, and County of Dublin, to the end, that the ſaid Thomas Jolly may be fully informed and appriſed thereof, and of every part thereof; and leſt there ſhould be any miſtake in the abſtracting of the ſaid Contracts, he the ſaid Thomas Jolly, is hereby required, in the firſt place, to examine and compare the ſaid Abſtracts, with the original Contracts lodged in the Linen Manufacture Office in His Majeſty's Caſtle of Dublin; and receive ſuch further information of the ſaid Contracts, from the Secretary of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, for the time being, as the truth of the caſe requires; and weekly attend the ſaid Secretary, to have and receive from him Abſtracts of ſuch Contracts as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall from time to time make with any perſon or perſons reſiding in the County of the City of Dublin, or County of Dublin.

2d. He the ſaid Thomas Jolly, ſhall once in every month at leaſt, or oftener if occaſion be, view and inſpect the goods made by all and every the ſaid Contractors, and keep account thereof, both as to quantity and quality; and obſerve whether the ſame be made ſuitably to their ſeveral Contracts during each month; and if he the ſaid Thomas Jolly, finds that any of the ſaid Contractors do not conform thereto, to the prejudice of trade, he ſhall immediately give notice thereof to the ſaid Truſtees, in writing, under his hand, at their next Board or Meeting, after ſuch the ſaid Contractors deviating from their Contract, to the end proper remedy may be applied thereto; but in caſe there be no ſuch failure on the part of the ſaid Contractors, then and in ſuch caſe, he the ſaid Thomas Jolly, ſhall quarterly, in every year, during his being employed by the ſaid Truſtees, return under his hand, an account of what goods, as to quantity and quality, ſhall be made by each of the ſaid Contractors, and how they vend the ſame; viz. the 25th day of March, the 24th day of June, the 29th day of September, and the 25th day of December, in every year, are and ſhall be deemed the quarter days herein before-mentioned.

3d. He the ſaid Thomas Jolly, ſhall uſe his utmoſt induſtry, to obſerve and inform himſelf, at what prices the reſpective goods made by the ſaid Contractors are generally ſold for by them, what demand there is for the ſame, and how far they and each of them, ſeverally, are beneficial or injurious to the trade of this Kingdom; and ſhall from time to time impart to the ſaid Truſtees, ſuch his Obſervations and Remarks thereon, to the end the ſaid Truſtees may either promote or diſcourage the ſaid Factories, according to the nature thereof.

4th. He the ſaid Thomas Jolly, is to keep an exact account of all and ſingular the Looms and other utenſils made uſe of by the ſaid perſons, ſo contracting with the ſaid Board, together with the ſtock by them annually employed, in the carrying on their reſpective Contracts, Myſteries or Trades, for which they contract with the ſaid Truſtees; and at the quarter ending the 25th of March in every year, or oftener if occaſion be, lay before the ſaid Truſtees, a plain and intelligible account thereof, and of every branch thereof, according to his the ſaid Thomas Jolly's beſt ſkill and knowledge, and the oath by him taken for that purpoſe.

5th. He the ſaid Thomas Jolly, is hereby required to brand all ſuch Looms or Tools, as are or ſhall be given by the ſaid Truſtees, to any perſon with whom they have contracted, or ſhall contract, with a Brand delivered him by this Board. In Witneſs whereof, the ſaid Truſtees have hereunto ſet their Hands, this 13th day of May, 1721.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the following ſcheme of Mr. Lucas, for the encouragement of fine Linen, being read, was agreed to.

A Scheme for the making greater Quantities of Fine Cloths in this Kingdom.

That a fair entry be made in the books, in the preſence of the Truſtees, of the Stamps, Marks, and Labels of all ſuch Cloths, as are adjudged by the Board to deſerve Premiums.

That the Secretary, upon the delivering in of any Cloth, ſhall give a receipt for the ſaid Cloth, ſetting forth the hundreds, the marks and ſtamps on the ſaid Cloth; no Cloth to be received by him, that is not ſtamped as directed by the Board; and that he depoſit all Cloths of the ſame hundred together, and not mix them one with the other.

No perſon to be in any ways entitled to any premium, who does not in every particular, conform himſelf to the Acts of Parliament in force in this Kingdom, for the better regulating of the Linen Manufacture.

That no perſon be allowed to bring any piece of Linen Cloth to be lodged a ſecond time in the Office; and to diſtinguiſh ſuch pieces, that a ſmall part of the black or other Thread, which runs at the end of ſuch Hollands, be cut off.

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, do hereby give notice, that for the better encouragement of ſpinning fine Yarn, and *making fine Linen*, in imitation of

Dutch Hollands in this Kingdom, they will allow the following premiums for three years, to commence Auguſt, 1722; and for ſuch further time, as the Truſtees ſhall think proper, for all ſuch fine Linen as ſhall be brought to them, they being wrought and made up according to the Laws which now are, or ſhall be in force in this Kingdom; and of the growth and Manufacture thereof, viz.

For any number of pieces not exceeding two hundred, of a twenty hundred Reed, twenty-three yards long, and one in breadth, the ſum of 5s. per piece.

For any number of pieces not exceeding one hundred, which ſhall be from a twenty to a twenty-two hundred, of like length and breadth, 10s. per piece.

For any number of pieces not exceeding ſixty-ſeven, which ſhall be from a twenty-two to a twenty-four hundred, of like length and breadth, 15s. per piece.

For any number of pieces not exceeding fifty, from a twenty-four to a twenty-ſix hundred, of like length and breadth, 1l per piece.

For any number of pieces not exceeding forty, from a twenty-ſix to a twenty-eight hundred, of like length and breadth, 1l. 5s. per piece.

For any number of pieces not exceeding thirty-three, from a twenty-eight to a thirty hundred, of like length and breadth, 1l 10s per piece.

N. B. The ſaid Linen muſt be delivered into the Office at the Caſtle of Dublin, at or before the firſt Saturday in Auguſt yearly, commencing 1722, in order to be viewed and examined by the Board, who will on the ſecond Saturday in the ſaid month of Auguſt, order immediate payment to be made to ſuch perſon or perſons, as have a right to receive the ſaid premium, for ſuch Cloths as ſhall be approved of, and deemed the beſt, moſt ſubſtantial, and whiteſt; and the ſaid method to be obſerved, on the ſame days in each ſucceeding year, provided that ſuch reaſonable ſatisfaction be given, as ſhall be required by the Truſtees, that the ſaid Cloths were manufactured in Ireland, and the Yarn made of Flax of the growth of this Kingdom; the Cloths to be returned that day, as well thoſe that are entitled to the ſaid premium, as thoſe which are not. The Truſtees give this timely notice, to engage people to turn themſelves to the making of fine Linen, to deſerve the ſaid encouragement.

SATURDAY, May 20th, 1721.

Ordered, That a Commiſſion be drawn for John Bevan of Coote-Hill, to inſpect the Fair of Portadown; and that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Waring, to deſire he would countenance the ſaid Bevan at ſaid Fair.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, purſuant to an Act paſſed in the ſixth year of the reign of his preſent Majeſty, intitled, An Act for the better regulating the buying and ſelling of Yarn and Cloth, and further improving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, have conſtituted and appointed divers perſons in the County of Armagh, to be Lappers and Stampers of Linen Cloth in the ſaid County, and granted them Seals and Stamps for the execution of their offices reſpectively, yet divers ill-diſpoſed perſons, with intent to evade the good laws made for regulating the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom, do preſume to ſell, or expoſe to ſale, divers pieces of White Linen Cloth, not being ſtamped and marked as aforeſaid, to the great detriment of the trade of this Kingdom, for remedy whereof, We the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, do hereby nominate, conſtitute and appoint, you John Bevan of Coote-Hill, in the County of Cavan, Linen-weaver, to be Inſpector and Itinerant Man for us, at the Fair of Portadown, in the County of Armagh, to view and ſearch all ſuch Bleached Linens, as ſhall be there ſold, or expoſed to ſale, not ſtamped and marked according to the directions of the before-mentioned Act; and to proſecute the offenders according to law, with the utmoſt ſeverity; and return unto us, an account of your proceedings herein forthwith.

MONDAY, May 22d, 1721.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Iſaac Davenport, to deſire to know, what uſe he has made of the Cold Preſs ſince it has been ſent down to him; and to let him know, the Board takes it very ill, that they have no account what uſe has hitherto been made of it.

TUESDAY, May 23d, 1721.

The Report of the Committee on William Baxter's Contract, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to examine into the ſeveral Contracts made with this Board, have met and conſidered the Contract of William Baxter, and find, he entered into a Bond of 124l. in conſideration of 12l. paid him for the purchaſe of four Looms, and 30l. ſtock, to carry on the making of Striped Linens and Hollands, and the allowance of 1d. per yard premium, for all Striped Linens and Hollands, the ſaid premium not to exceed 20l. per annum: he was obliged to employ four Looms for one year, from the 29th of September, 1719, in the making of Striped Linens and Hollands, and to return the ſaid Looms and Stock, at the expiration of one year.

We have alſo conſidered the Petitions of George Maſon and William Baxter, deſiring ſome encouragement for the making of Bengals of Linen, and are of opinion, that it will require no encouragement further, than that the Board leave William Baxter at liberty, if he enter into a new Contract, to employ two of the four Looms he is obliged to keep at work, on the making the ſaid Bengals.

SATURDAY, May 27th, 1721.

The Memorial of Mr. John Uſher, of this date, propoſing to export Threads, Tapes, and Thread-Stockings, to the Weſt-Indies, being read,

Ordered, That it be referred to the conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider the Exportation of Threads and Tapes to the Weſt-Indies.

TUESDAY, June 6th, 1721.

A Letter from William Laſtry and John Haden, Securities for David Darragh, appointed Lapper in the County of Armagh, complaining of the miſbehaviour of the ſaid David Darragh, in his office of Lapper, and praying, that Major Richardſon may have an order to take the Seals from the ſaid Darragh, and that their Security may be withdrawn, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Major Richardſon, to deſire he would take the Seals, Commiſſion and Yard from the ſaid Darragh; and to ſend them up to the Board when conveniently he can.

The Report from the Committee apppointed to conſider of ſending Threads and Tapes to the Plantations, and on the

the Memorial of Mr. John Uſher, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider whether the ſending of Threads and Tapes of the Manufacture of this Kingdom to the Weſt-Indies, would not be of great advantage to the Trade of this Kingdom, and to report how the ſame may be made moſt effectual; have met and conſidered the ſame, as alſo the Memorial of Mr. John Uſher, Merchant, propoſing to export Threads, Tapes, and Thread-ſtockings to the Weſt-Indies, referred to us by an Order of the 27th of laſt Month, and are of opinion that the ſum of 50l. be advanced to the ſaid Mr. John Uſher, to be by him laid out in the purchaſe of Threads, Tapes, and Thread-ſtockings, of the Manufacture of this Kingdom, to be ſent as a venture to Boſton in New England, or to ſuch other place in the Weſt-Indies as the ſaid Mr. Uſher ſhall think fit; he obliging himſelf to return the ſaid 50l. to this Board, on the return of the ſaid goods, the hazards of the ſeas only excepted; as alſo, to give a true and faithful account of what advantages he ſhall make of the ſaid adventure, he being allowed any profit that ſhall ariſe from this undertaking.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Joſeph Harris, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We have taken into conſideration the Petition of Joſeph Harris, Dyer; propoſing to dye ſuch colours as ſhall be in grain, and having made ſome experiments in the waſhing of the ſaid colours, we do not find that they anſwer expectation, and therefore do not deſerve encouragement.

SATURDAY, June 10th, 1721.

Captain Pratt, having laid before the Board ſome fine Yarn, ſpun by a woman at Ballyvaughan,

Ordered, That the Secretary pay Captain Pratt two guineas, to be paid to the ſaid woman for her encouragement, and that he be deſired to make her ſpin as much of that ſort of Yarn as will make a piece of Cambrick.

A Letter from Mr. Juſtice Coote being read, deſiring the Board would allow him to agree with John Sutton, for the inſtructing twenty perſons yearly, in the method of ſowing, watering, graſſing, and ſaving Flax, and to teach ſeven perſons yearly for ſeven years, in ſwingling and hatchelling,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Juſtice Coote, to deſire him to make ſuch agreement with the ſaid Sutton, and to let him know that this Board will comply with ſuch agreement as he ſhall make.

SATURDAY, June 17th, 1721.

Mr. Trench's Letter being read,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of any three of the Truſtees, and that the Secretary write to Mr. Trench, to deſire he would ſend up a ſample of the ſpinning of the Miſtreſs he propoſes for his Spinning-ſchool, and an Affidavit that the Yarn ſent up, was ſpun by her, and that his anſwer, the ſample of the Yarn, and the ſaid Affidavit be referred to the ſaid Committee.

SATURDAY, June 24th, 1721.

The Propoſal of Jacob Vigors, for dying Colours in Grain, being read,

Ordered, That it be referred to the conſideration of the next Committee.

Mrs. Robinſon, who formerly propoſed to paint and ſtain Linen in imitation of Callicoes, having ſent up a Pattern for the approbation of this Board,

Ordered, That the ſaid Linens be waſhed, to ſee how they will hold their Colours, and that the conſideration of the ſaid Linens be referred to the next Committee, as alſo what encouragement may be proper to be given to the ſaid Mrs. Robinſon, if the ſaid Linens anſwer expectation.

SATURDAY, July 1ſt, 1721.

Two Commiſſions for ſeizing unſtatutable Linen and Yarn, in the Counties of Galway and Longford, for Samuel Hayes and Jeremiah Matthews, being laid before the Board, the ſame were ſigned, and are as follow:

You are directed to inſpect all Work-houſes and Places where Flaxen Cloths are wove, and obſerve whether the Weavers do weave at the end of their Cloth a black or other Thread ſufficient to ſhow the number of hundreds and beers contained in the ſaid Cloth; and whether any perſon or perſons preſume to weave Linen Cloths, not having ſerved his or their Apprenticeſhip to the Trade of weaving Flaxen Cloth for the ſpace of five Years, and not having wrought at the Flaxen Trade as a Journeyman for the ſpace of two Years, according to the Tenor of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in theſe Caſes provided; and where you find any infringement of the Laws in thoſe particulars, you are required hereby to acquaint the next Juſtice of the Peace, in order to their being proceeded againſt according to Law; you are likewiſe hereby directed, to cut all Cloths adjudged to you into pieces, not exceeding ſeven yards in length, that they may not afterwards be exported. Given under our Hands and Seals, this 1ſt Day of July, 1721.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to all the Spinning-ſchools, to inform them that this Board has given Orders to him to ſet forth at the bottom of the quarterly accounts when they ſhall be returned, what improvement has been made by the Scholars in that quarter, and to let them know that if the Scholars are not found to improve, the encouragement ſhall not be continued.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Andrew Walker, propoſing to make Girthwebs and Buckram being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find that there is a ſufficient demand for theſe goods already, to promote that Trade; and that it does not require farther encouragement.

We have alſo taken into conſideration the propoſal of Jacob Vigors, propoſing to dye ſeveral colours that will ſtand the proof of waſhing; and have ſeen the ſaid colours, and find that they are colours that are done by ſeveral others, and do not want any encouragement.

SATURDAY, July 15th, 1721.

Mr. James Kennedy's Letter being read, deſiring an Order of the Board, to impower him to enquire who thoſe perſons are, that have received Seed from the Board, and ſold it again,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Kennedy, to let him know that this Board is informed, that ſeveral perſons who have received Flax-ſeed from this Board, have ſold the ſame again, and turned the money to their own uſe, and to deſire he would make enquiry into the matter of fact, and ſend up to this Board, Examinations and Affidavits againſt ſuch perſons.

A Letter from John Clifford, appointed Lapper in the County of Leitrim, desiring to have his Bonds delivered up, and to be discharged from his office of Lapper, being read,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the said Clifford, to direct him to send up his Seals, Commission and Instructions, and to let him know that his Bonds shall be delivered up to such person as shall bring up his Seals, Commission and Instructions.

SATURDAY, August 5th, 1721.

The Proposal of John Alder, proposing to set up a Hot Callender in the City of Dublin, being read,

Ordered, That it be referred to the next Committee.

SATURDAY, August 12th, 1721.

A Complaint being made, that a piece of Linen had been stamped by John Ferguson, Lapper, in the County of Armagh, in lapping of which he had turned out the finest part for the Lap-yard, and fixed thereon the two letters of his name, and the rest of the Cloth being very coarse;

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the said Ferguson, directing him to give up his Seals, Commission and Instructions, to William Richardson, Esq; and that he be directed to come to Town, to answer the said complaint, and to let him know that his Bonds will be put in suit.

The Report from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the Petition of John Alder, of the 5th of this instant, proposing to set up a Hot Callender for the callendering of chequered Linens, Tickings and Bed ticks, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows: Your Committee are of opinion that such a Callender will not be of any service to the Manufacture; and think that it ought not to be encouraged.

A Letter from Mr. Waring, being read, complaining that one James Gentleman, Lapper, had stamped a piece of damaged Cloth, with the number of Yards only, in order to deceive the buyer, of which he was convicted before Mr. Waring,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to him, to direct him to give up his Seals, Commission and Instructions to Mr. Waring, and that he send up an answer to the said complaint, and that unless such answer be to the satisfaction of the Board, his Bonds shall be put in suit.

Mrs. Robinson, who formerly proposed to stamp Linens that would hold washing, having laid her proposals before the Board, and the same not being approved of, but the attendance of the said Mrs. Robinson being taken into consideration, and the Board thinking it reasonable to make her some allowance for it,

Ordered, That a Warrant be drawn for 5l. to be paid to the said Mrs. Robinson for the charges of her attendance.

Resolved, That when any complaint is made against any Lapper, that the next Committee have power to send for such Lapper, and give the Clerk such directions in relation to the punishment of such Lapper, as they shall think proper.

Elizabeth Powell, living at Mr. Walker's, the Pattenmaker in Corn-market, having laid before the Board, a piece of Cloth, stamped by Richard Robinson, Lapper in the County of Donegall, which contained but ten yards in length, and was all full of holes,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to him, to direct him to give up his Seals to Charles Leslie, Esq; and to come up to Town, to answer the complaint made against him, and to inform him that his Bonds shall be put in suit.

SATURDAY, September 2d, 1721.

Whereas, there was an Order of the Board, of the 12th of August last, directing Richard Robinson, Lapper, in the County of Donegall, to deliver up his Seals to Charles Leslie of Kincregey, Esq; and to come up to Town, to answer a complaint made against him by Elizabeth Powell; and he having been wrote to pursuant to the said Order; and having disobeyed the Order of the Board in not delivering up his Seals, nor coming up to Town;

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to him to deliver up his Seals to the said Charles Leslie, Esq; pursuant to the former Order of the 12th of August last; and that he be directed to attend this Board the 9th of this Instant, at 12 o'clock, to shew cause why his Bonds should not be put in suit immediately.

Arthur Murphy having laid before the Board, a piece of Cloth stamped by Samuel Lorrimer, Lapper, in the County of Antrim, which is mildewed and unmerchantable.

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to him to order him to attend this Board, the 23d of this Instant, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to answer the said complaint, and to shew cause why his Bonds should not be put in suit.

SATURDAY, September 9th, 1721.

John Ferguson, public Lapper in the County of Armagh, having attended pursuant to the last Orders of this Board; and a piece of Cloth which was stamped at both ends with his name, and which was laid before this Board the 12th of August last, being produced to him, and it appearing that the finest part was turned out for the Lap-yard, and that the two initial letters of his name were fixed thereon, the rest of the Cloth being very coarse, and the said Ferguson saying he believed it was stamped in his absence by his wife, all which being contrary to his instructions, and prejudicial to the trade of this Kingdom;

Ordered, That he be directed to deliver up his Seals, Commission and Instructions to William Richardson, Esq; and the said Ferguson being called in, was directed to deliver them up accordingly.

Ordered, That his Bonds be delivered to Mr. Nesbitt, Attorney, to be put in suit; and that an Advertisement be published in the Dublin Courant, and Pue's Occurrences, for three Post-days successively, in the same form with that published against Anthony Finigan, the 27th of August, 1720, *mutatis mutandis*.

SATURDAY, September 23d, 1721.

John Sitlington, Lapper, in the County of Antrim, having attended the Board pursuant to Order, to answer the Complaint of Arthur Murphy, of a damaged piece of Cloth, by him stamped and not having justified himself to the satisfaction of this Board,

Ordered, That he be directed to deliver up his Seals to John O'Neill, Esq; by the second of October next, and the said Sitlington being called in, was directed to deliver them up accordingly.

Ordered,

ORDERED, That the Secretary acquaint Mr. O'Neill with the above Order.

Whereas, there was an Order of this Board of the 9th of this Inſtant, to proſecute John Ferguſon's Bonds, and the Board having received information that the ſaid Ferguſon had made reparation to the perſon damaged, by his ſtamping unſtatutable Linen,

ORDERED, That the proſecution of his Bonds be reſpited till further Order.

ORDERED, That when any damaged Cloths which ſhall be laid before the Board, are returned to the owners, that the Stamps be cut off by the perſons appointed to receive them, before they be ſo returned.

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By the TRUSTEES of the LINEN MANUFACTURE of IRELAND.

Information having been received at this Board, that ſeveral Lappers, contrary to the Act of Parliament, have lapped and ſtamped Linen Cloth, marking the ſame of a length greater than the pieces ſo ſtamped really did contain; and alſo, in caſes where the Linen was much finer in one part than another, in order to deceive the buyer, have contrary to their inſtructions, frequently lapped and ſtamped ſuch pieces, and made the Lap-yard of the fineſt part thereof: To the intent therefore that reaſonable ſatisfaction may be given to all perſons who may ſuffer by ſuch, or any other fraudulent practices committed in the lapping and ſtamping of the Linens, of the Manufacture of this Kingdom; the ſaid Truſtees direct, that where any the like frauds appear within this Kingdom, the ſame may be repreſented to them, and the pieces ſo falſely marked, ſent to their Board in Dublin; and if the diſcovery of any ſuch frauds be made in England, or elſewhere abroad, the ſaid Truſtees deſire that the party ſuffering thereby, will by letter directed to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; their Secretary in Dublin, ſet forth the caſe particularly, from whoſe hands ſuch Linen was ſent, the time when, with the Stamper's name, and the name of the County marked thereon, and in what particular the ſame appeared faulty, to be atteſted upon oath, before ſome Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, upon view thereof.

In which caſes the ſaid Truſtees do hereby give public notice, that they will forthwith diſmiſs ſuch offenders when diſcovered, that they will in the ſtricteſt manner proſecute them and their ſecurities, and cauſe reſtitution to be made to the perſons ſuffering in the beſt manner they can, out of the effects recovered by ſuch proſecution, preferable to any coſts or charges whatſoever.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1721.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that the Secretary ſhall not deliver out any papers or accounts whatſoever relating to this Board, to any perſon whatſoever, not even to any Member of this Board, without the particular directions of this Board.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ſt, 1721.

The Report of the Committee appointed to inſpect the Yarn produced to this Board, by Mary Price, Spinning-miſtreſs, of the School at Beaulieu, made the following report, which was agreed to:

Your Committee are of opinion that ſhe be paid the ſum of 1l. 10s. as a premium for the ſaid Yarn.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1721.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that Committees be ſummoned every Tueſday and Thurſday, and that a Board be always ſummoned on Saturday.

ORDERED, That the Secretary pay Charles Morres, three Moydores for his invention of a Spinning-wheel with three ſpooles, and that he leave that wheel with the Board for a pattern.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1721.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that four perſons be ſent down to Drogheda, and be impowered to ſeize all unſtatutable Yarn that ſhall be found there.

RESOLVED, That Jeremiah Mathews, of the City of Dublin, Thread-maker; John Marſhall of the ſame, Linen-weaver; Henry Kelly of the ſame, Hemp-dreſſer and Rope-maker; and John Snape of the ſame, Dyer; be the perſons employed to be ſent down thither, and that Commiſſions be ſeverally drawn for them.

And Commiſſions were accordingly drawn and ſigned for them, and are as follow:

We the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of Ireland, having received information, that divers perſons, dwelling, reſiding, or reſorting in, or to his Majeſty's good Town of Drogheda, do daily buy great quantities of Flaxen Yarn not reeled, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, by means whereof many of the ſpinners of this Kingdom, neglect or refuſe to reel their Yarn ſtatutably, and preſume to expoſe the ſaid unſtatutable Yarn to ſale; and likewiſe that the Yarn-merchants of this Kingdom, trading and dealing to the ſaid Town of Drogheda, do, contrary to the Statutes in that caſe made and provided, preſume to buy ſuch unſtatutable Yarn, and confiding that they will be ſupported in ſuch their unlawful dealing, by the inhabitants reſiding in the ſaid Town of Drogheda, or the Liberties thereof, do daily buy up vaſt quantities of ſuch unſtatutable Yarn, and bring the ſame to the ſaid Town of Drogheda, and there diſpoſe thereof to the manifeſt ruin and deſtruction of the Flaxen Trade of this Kingdom, and for as much that private perſons dare not put in execution in the ſaid Town of Drogheda, and liberties thereof, the good and wholeſome laws made to remedy theſe evils, leſt they ſhould be inſulted in their perſons, or otherwiſe vexed and grieved by litigious ſuits of law; We the ſaid Truſtees, in diſcharge of the truſt repoſed in us, by the laws of this Kingdom, being minded and firmly reſolved, that all and ſingular the laws and ſtatutes relating to the regulation of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, and in particular thoſe relating to the due reeling of Flaxen Yarn, ſhall have their currency, and be duly obſerved in all and ſingular the parts of this Kingdom, without diſtinction of any Town or place whatſoever, within his Majeſty's Kingdom of Ireland: In order whereunto, We the ſaid Truſtees, do hereby nominate and appoint you, Jeremiah Mathews, of the City of Dublin, Thread-maker, to be Itinerant Inſpector into the reeling up of Flaxen Yarn, in his Majeſty's County of the Town of Drogheda, and the Liberties thereof, during the pleaſure of us the ſaid Truſtees; hereby willing and requiring you, to uſe your utmoſt diligence, by all legal ways and means to put the ſeveral laws in execution, againſt ſuch as expoſe Yarn unſtatutably reeled to ſale, or ſhall buy

buy ſuch Yarn contrary to the laws and ſtatutes of this Kingdom; hereby requiring and commanding you, to proſecute or cauſe to be proſecuted, all offenders herein, and to make ſuch ſeizures of the ſaid unſtatutable Yarn as by the ſaid Acts of Parliament you are impowered to do: Provided always, that while you continue employed as aforeſaid by us the ſaid Truſtees, you do not preſume to expoſe to ſale, or cauſe to be expoſed to ſale, any unſtatutable Yarn, as ſhall be adjudged to you as forfeited, until ſuch time as you cauſe the ſame to be ſtatutably reeled, or other the illegal defects occaſioning the ſaid forfeiture, be fully removed and remedied, as you will anſwer the contrary at your utmoſt peril.

The like Commiſſions were ſigned for John Marſhall, Henry Kelly, and John Snape.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the Mayor of Drogheda, to let him know the intention of this Board, to put the laws in execution, and to inform him of the above Commiſſions.

ORDERED, That two Commiſſions be drawn, one for Samuel Hayes, appointing him Itinerant Inſpector into the bleaching with Lime, and the making up of Linen-cloth and Linen-yarn, in the Counties of Cavan and Weſtmeath; and the like Commiſſion for Thomas Daly, for the County of Down, with an additional Inſtruction, that they be likewiſe directed to reel, or cauſe to be reeled, all ſuch Yarn as they ſhall ſeize, and ſhall be adjudged to them, before ſuch Yarn be again expoſed to ſale.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Meſſ. Boyle and Lenox, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

As this Board has given encouragement to others, to build Work-houſes and other conveniencies for carrying on Manufactures, your Committee are of opinion, that, firſt on their entering into contract, to keep forty Looms employed on the making of Hempen Sail-cloth, for ſeven years; entering into contract, to keep the ſame number of Dutch Artiſts employed in their Factory, as they were obliged to by their former Contract for four years; and ſatisfying this Board, that they have expended the ſum of 80l. more than what they have already laid out in building a Workhouſe, for ſetting up eighteen Looms, containing in length one hundred and forty feet, and twenty-five feet in breadth, they be allowed the ſum of 400l. for the houſes they have built, and propoſe to build; as alſo, the ſum of 80l. per annum, for four years, as ſalaries to the Dutch Workmen.

And further, that the ſaid Boyle, Lenox and Company, be obliged to convey to the Secretary, in truſt for this Board, the ſeveral houſes which they have built, or ſhall build with the money given them by this Board, for the term they now have in them, to the end, that if the ſaid Meſſ. Boyle, Lenox and Company, their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, ſhould not continue to carry on the ſaid Manufacture, it may be in the power of the Board to put it into other hands, for the advancement of the Manufacture.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3d, 1721—22.

The Report of the Committee on the Articles to be entered into by Meſſ. Boyle, Lenox and Company, being read, was agreed to.

Whereas, it was a part of the Report of the Committee, laid before this Board the 23d of laſt month, which was then agreed to, that the ſaid Boyle, Lenox and Company, ſhould be obliged to convey to the Secretary, in truſt for this Board, the ſeveral houſes which they had built, or ſhould build with the money given them by this Board, for the term they now have in them, as a ſecurity to have the Manufacture carried on there; your Committee is of opinion, that ſuch a Clauſe will not ſo well anſwer the ends propoſed by this Board, as the giving Bonds for the performance of Articles: Wherefore, your Committee is of opinion, that Meſſ. Boyle, Lenox and Company, give Bonds of 800l. for the due performance of the Contract.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1721—22.

It appearing that Leonard Herd, Meſſenger to this Board, had frequently neglected to ſummon the Lord Chief Juſtice Whitſhed, and the Lord Chief Juſtice Levinges to this Board,

ORDERED, That for the ſaid neglect, he be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1721—22.

The Lord Chief Juſtice Whitſhed, having made application to the Board in perſon, and the Lord Chief Juſtice Levinges by letter, that Leonard Herd, Meſſenger, who was diſcharged by the laſt Orders, for not ſummoning them, ſhould be re-admitted,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Leonard Herd be re-admitted to the Office of Meſſenger.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1721.

By the Honourable the TRUSTEES of the HEMPEN and FLAXEN MANUFACTURES of IRELAND.

Theſe are to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees have for ſome years paſt, diſtributed *gratis*, to the gentlemen and farmers of the Counties of Clare and Limerick, large quantities of Hemp-ſeed annually, in order to be ſowed in proper ſoil in thoſe Counties, under certain limitations and reſtrictions, thought reaſonable and proper, as well by the ſaid gentlemen and farmers, as by the ſaid Truſtees, which has highly conduced to the benefit and advantage of this Kingdom in general, and likewiſe to the Undertakers; and for as much as the ſaid Truſtees are minded in diſcharge of their truſt, to diffuſe the benefit and advantages ariſing from the Hempen trade, to as many of His Majeſty's Subjects of this Kingdom, as have ſoil and conveniences proper for the ſame, they therefore do hereby pray and deſire the gentlemen and farmers in the Counties of Wexford, Wicklow, Dublin, Meath, Louth and Down, who have lands convenient for water carriage, and proper for cultivating and raiſing of Hemp, that they will be reſpectively pleaſed to lodge with Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; Secretary to us the ſaid Truſtees, at the Linen Manufacture-Office at His Majeſty's Caſtle of Dublin, ſome time within the months of January or February, Propoſals under their reſpective hands, what number of acres they will reſpectively ſow this enſuing ſeaſon, where the ſaid lands lie, and how many years they will oblige themſelves to ſow the like quantity of their produce of Hemp-ſeed as they ſhall receive from us, to the end the ſaid Truſtees might be enabled to order perſons ſkilled in cultivating of Hemp, to view ſuch lands ſo propoſed to be ſown, and to give the neceſſary orders for the better tilling and preparing the ground; the ſaid Truſtees having imported one hundred hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed to the City of Dublin: they likewiſe hereby give notice to the gentlemen and farmers of the ſaid laſt-

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mentioned Counties, that they ſhall be attended and aſſiſted in their ſaid undertaking, by perſons well ſkilled in the Sowing, Pulling, Watering, Saving, Scutching, and Swingling of their ſaid Hemp; and in the manner of Saving of their Produce Seed, at eaſy and reaſonable rates, to thoſe who ſhall ſow the ſaid Seed, and contract with the ſaid Truſtees; and it is not doubted by the ſaid Truſtees, but that the ſaid gentlemen and farmers, will find a ready market for their Hemp at the City of Dublin, at reaſonable rates, from the Sail-Cloth Weavers and Rope-makers reſiding in and about the ſaid City.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1721—22.

ORDERED, That the Secretary purchaſe a number of the Reſolutions of the Houſe of Commons, declaring it the duty of every Magiſtrate to put the Linen Acts in execution; and that he ſend them down to the Magiſtrates of all Corporations.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be printed, ſetting forth, that the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, being impowered by Act of Parliament to erect a building, called *Linen-Weavers Hall*, in or near the City of Dublin, All Perſons who have any ground fit or convenient for that purpoſe, are deſired to give in their Propoſals to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Caſtle of Dublin, with all convenient ſpeed, on what terms they will diſpoſe thereof.

A Letter from Alexander Montgomery, Eſq; being read, deſiring encouragement for a Spinning-ſchool,

ORDERED, That the Secretary write to him, to let him know, That in ſmall Counties the Board allows but one School, which, after three years, they remove from one part of the County to another; ſo that they cannot at this time comply with his requeſt.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ſt, 1721—22.

Mr. Juſtice Coote having informed this Board, that Mr Monſell had applied to Mr. Pierce Creagh, for one hundred and ſixty-ſeven buſhels of Hemp-ſeed, which were otherwiſe diſpoſed of by Order, and that in order to the procuring the ſaid Seed, Mr. Monſell had made uſe of Mr. Coote's name without his authority,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to Mr. Monſell and Mr. Creagh, to deſire their Anſwer to the ſaid Complaint.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3d, 1721—22.

James Reed, of Cow-Lane, having laid before the Board, two pieces of Cloth, one lapped by Thomas Potter, Lapper in the County Tyrone, which was ſewed together, and another by Thos. Waddſworth, Lapper in the County Fermanagh, which was full of holes and overdrawn,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to them, directing them to give up their Seals, Commiſſions, and Inſtructions, to the ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace who certified for them; and direct them to ſend up an Anſwer to the ſaid Complaints.

The Merchants of Drogheda, having agreed to publiſh the following Advertiſement for the diſcouragement of the ſelling unſtatutable Yarn,

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas great abuſes have been lately committed by the Houſewives of this Kingdom, in reeling their Yarn irregularly, and contrary to the Statutes made for that purpoſe, to the great diſcredit and prejudice of the Linen Manufacture, and to the diſcouragement of the exportation of Linen Yarn, Theſe are to give notice, that we the Merchants and Dealers in Linen Yarn, in the Town of Drogheda, do hereby declare, for the information of the Public, that we will not buy any Yarn that ſhall not be made up according to the Laws; and if any ſuch unſtatutable Yarn ſhall be brought to us, the ſame ſhall be ſeized, and the Reelers of it proceeded againſt with the utmoſt ſeverity.

ORDERED, That the following Letter be wrote to the ſeveral Magiſtrates of Sligo, Derry, Carrickfergus, Belfaſt, Coleraine, Dundalk, Newry, and Dublin, with a Copy of the ſaid Advertiſement:

FEBRUARY 3d, 1721—22.

SIR,

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, in order to prevent the illegal practices in making up and buying unſtatutable Yarn in this Kingdom, and to prevent the difficulties the Manufacturers in Linen lie under, are reſolved to ſend down Officers to your Town, in order to ſeize all unſtatutable Yarn that ſhall be expoſed to ſale: the Dealers in the Exportation of Linen Yarn at Drogheda, are ſo ſenſible of the abuſes in this part of the trade, that they have ſigned an Advertiſement in the ſame form with the incloſed, and the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture expect the Merchants and Dealers in Yarn, in your Town, will ſign the incloſed Advertiſement, which will be publiſhed by them, on your returning it to me ſo ſigned. The like Advertiſements are ſent to the ſeveral Ports of this Kingdom, and when they are ſo returned by the ſeveral Merchants of the ſeveral Ports, they will be printed, and not ſooner.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1721—22.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider of Mr. Monſell's Anſwer to the Complaint made againſt him, wherein he propoſes to return the Seed to the Orders of this Board, being read,

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Mr. Monſell, to let him know, that the Board expects he will re-deliver the Hemp-ſeed where he received it.

RESOLVED, That this Board will neither cloſe with, or determine on any new Propoſal for the further encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, by which means, additional expences may accrue, till ſuch time as the ſeveral debts already contracted, be diſcharged.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1721—22.

Lord Ferrard, Mr. St. George, and Doctor Coghill, reported, that purſuant to Order of the Board, they had been to wait on the Judges; and that they had promiſed to do all in their power to preſs the execution of the Linen Acts, at the ſeveral Aſſizes next enſuing.

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to the Mayor of Derry, and the Sovereign of Belfaſt, to deſire to know, what Anſwer they intend to give to the Advertiſement ſent down to them, none as yet having been returned; and to let them know, that this Board will ſend down Officers to put the Laws in execution.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1721—22.

ORDERED, That the Clerk write to Silas Didcock, the Flax-man for the County of Cork, by this Night's Poſt, directing

directing him to go forthwith to Caſtlemaghan, in the ſaid County, and to dreſs up all Mr. Bernard's Flax there; and that he do not leave that place, till further Order of the Board, on pain of being ſuperſeded.

SATURDAY, March 10th, 1721—22.

Several Examinations againſt Edward Killpatrick, being read,

Ordered, That they be returned to Mr. Thos. Dawſon, and that the Secretary acquaint him, that this Board is very well ſatisfied to have their Officer proſecuted, if he has miſbehaved himſelf; and to aſſure him, that on conviction, he ſhall be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board.

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher pay the Cuſtom of the Linens ſent by Hall from Holland, and take them out of the Cuſtom-houſe.

SATURDAY, March 17th, 1721—22.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the ſeveral Propoſals given in by gentlemen, offering ground to build a *Linen Weavers-Hall*, was read, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration the building a *Linen-Weavers-Hall*, and to conſider the ſeveral Propoſals given in by ſeveral gentlemen, offering ground for that purpoſe, have met and viewed the ſeveral plats of ground following; viz. Mr. Gardiner's, Capt Weymes's, Sir Standiſh Hartſtonge's, in the Little-Green, Mr. Everard's, and Mr. David Reed's holding in Anderſon's-Court.

Mr. Gardiner's ground lies oppoſite to the upper end of Capel-ſtreet, very convenient both for the Merchants in Town, and for the reception of the Cloth brought from the North, Connaught, and Leinſter; he offers to let this Board have as many feet both in length and breadth, as they ſhall have occaſion for; and will make you a freehold thereof for ever, by ſelling out his intereſt therein.

Captain Weymes's ground lies in Drumcondra-Lane, about a quarter of a mile beyond the end of Caple-ſtreet, through which he deſigns to draw a ſtreet leading to Great-Britain-ſtreet, and lies convenient enough for the Cloth and Yarn coming from the North; but we apprehend it is at too great a diſtance for the Dealers in Town, and for the Cloth and Yarn coming from Connaught and Leinſter; he is ready to convey the Freehold, and give the Board ſuch quantity as they ſhall have occaſion for.

As to Sir Standiſh Hartſtonge's ground in the Little-Green, there is room enough both for building the Hall there, and it lies convenient enough both for the Merchants of Connaught, Leinſter and Ulſter, as alſo for the Dealers in Town; but he having given in no Propoſals to this Board for the diſpoſal thereof, your Committee could not be informed, what title he could make to the ſaid ground, or on what terms he would diſpoſe thereof.

Mr. Everard's ground, as deſcribed on his ſurvey thereof, appears to be conveniently ſituated with reſpect to Carriers from all parts, and to the Inns they generally frequent in Church-ſtreet and Pill-lane; and lies conſiderably nearer to the Tholſel, than Mr. Gardiner's ground does, which renders it more convenient to the Dealers in Town; he offers to convey the inheritance of a lot, extending in front to an intended ſtreet, of forty-two feet wide, one hundred and eighty feet, and in front to another intended ſtreet, of thirty feet wide, two hundred twenty-four feet; as alſo to a third intended ſtreet, of thirty feet wide, one hundred and eighty feet; ſo that the ſaid lot of ground, ſeems as convenient as any we have viewed

As for Anderſon's-Court, in Bull-Lane, your Committee does not think it either large enough, or convenient for the purpoſe.

As to Mr. Ambroſe's ground in Drumcondra-Lane, being farther off than Captain Weymes's, we did not go to view it

As to Mr Bonham's ground, in St. Catherine's-ſtreet, and Mr. Burleigh's in Temple-Bar, looking on thoſe ſtreets to be very inconvenient, your Committee did not go to view them.

There having been ſeveral other plats of ground offered for the ſame purpoſe, viz fifty-one feet front, in Drumcondra-Lane, offered by Mr John Hamilton, Goldſmith; alſo, one hundred feet ſquare, in Cow-lane, offered by Dr. George Martin; and laſtly, a plat of ground offered by Mr. John Heron, being one hundred thirty feet two inches in front, in Loughboy-ſtreet, and running through to Church-ſtreet, where it has but one hundred and fifteen feet front; which ſeveral plats of ground, being too ſmall to anſwer the deſign, your Committee do not think them fit for your purpoſe.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that Mr Everard's ground, and Mr. Gardiner's ground, are the moſt convenient places yet offered for that purpoſe.

SATURDAY, March 31ſt, 1722.

The Petition of Thomas Potter, Public Lapper for the County of Tyrone, being read, and he being fully heard, and it appearing to this Board, that he ſtamped a piece of Cloth of different Griſts, and ſewed through the middle, contrary to his Inſtructions, and to the great prejudice of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

Ordered, That the ſaid Potter be diſcharged from being a Lapper, that his Seals be broke, his Bonds ſued, and he be advertiſed.

SATURDAY, April 7th, 1722.

The Board having taken into conſideration, the Report made on the ſeveral plats of ground propoſed for building a Linen-Weavers-Hall on, which Report was made the 17th day of March laſt, and having approved of Mr. Everard's ground,

Resolved, That the ſum of 360l be paid to Mr. Everard, for the purchaſe of the ſaid ground, on his perfecting ſuch conveyance of the ſaid ground to this Board, and indemnifying this Board from the 70l. per annum rent, payable to Thomas Pooley, Eſq; out of the ſaid ground, as ſhall be adviſed by their Council.

SATURDAY, April 21ſt, 1722.

The Petition of John Ferguſon, who was turned out of the Office of Lapper, for letting his wife make uſe of his Seals in ſtamping Linen-cloth, praying to be reſtored to his ſaid Office, being read,

Resolved, That the ſaid Ferguſon ſhall not be readmitted to the office of Lapper; and that an Advertiſement be printed, ſetting forth, that he has made ſuch application, which has not been complied with; and alſo ſetting forth the fault for which he was turned out.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, April 24th, 1722.

Ordered, That Richard Hall be directed to go into the County of Wicklow, and from thence along the ſea-coaſt, northwards, towards the Counties of Down and Antrim; and from thence croſs the Country to Waringſtown, Lurgan, Liſburn, and Armagh; and make his Report to this Board, where he meets with the propereſt place for the making a Bleach-yard for bleaching fine Hollands.

SATURDAY, April 28th, 1722.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Jolly, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that he be appointed Itinerant Inſpector into the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, at a Salary of 40l. per annum, to commence from Lady-day, laſt paſt: and whereas the ſaid ſalary of 40l. per annum may not be ſufficient to defray the expence of the ſeveral journies in which he will be employed for the ſervice of this Board, your Committee is of opinion, that his travelling charges and ſervices, be farther conſidered by this Board, after his return from the ſeveral places to which he ſhall be ſent.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 1722.

Ordered, That Richard Hall do lay before this Board, an account of the value of the twenty pieces of Dutch Linens by him imported, together with the coſts attending them, in order to their being diſpoſed of.

SATURDAY, June 2d, 1722.

The Report of the Committee on the Inſtructions to be given to Thomas Jolly, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Instructions given by the Honourable the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, to Thomas Jolly their Itinerant Inſpector, how and in what Manner he ſhall behave himſelf in the Service and Truſt repoſed in him by the ſaid Truſtees.

1ſt. You are to call on the Clerk, for an Abſtract of all the Contracts made by us with the ſeveral Artiſts employed in the working and making of Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures in each County of this Kingdom, together with a Liſt of all the Spinning-ſchools, Lappers, Itinerant Men, and all other perſons employed by or under us.

2d. On the receipt of which papers, you are to make a Circuit, Northward, going from Dublin to the Town of Drogheda, and ſo through the Counties of Louth, Armagh, Down and Antrim, to Londonderry; and return from theſe, through the Counties of Donegall, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Monaghan, Cavan, Longford, Weſtmeath, and Eaſtmeath, to Dublin; and inſpect into the order and management of all and every the reſpective Contractors, whether they be for Seed, Itinerant Men, Spinning-ſchools, Lappers, public or private Bleach-yards, and any other Contractors whatſoever, made with us in any Place, City, Town or Village in your ſaid Circuit; and obſerve whether the ſaid Contractors perform, fulfil and keep, all and every their reſpective Contracts; and you are to keep an exact Diary of your Proceedings, and make a Report thereof at your return; and in caſe you find any thing that wants immediate redreſs, you are forthwith to acquaint the Board thereof.

3d. You ſhall enquire into the quantities of Hemp and Flax-ſeed, which have been diſpoſed of by us the laſt Seaſon, and inform us, whether the perſons to whom it has been delivered, have ſown it, or how they have diſpoſed thereof; and whether the product be promiſing or not.

4th. You ſhall enquire into the deportment and behaviour of the Itinerant Men and Flax-dreſſers employed by us, how far they or each of them, are or have been ſerviceable to the Public; and how far they are qualified for performing the buſineſs they are employed in.

5th. You ſhall inſpect into the order and management of the Spinning-ſchools; how they conform themſelves to the Rules and Directions preſcribed; and whether the parents of the children in ſuch Schools, receive from the Undertakers the allowance granted them by this Board.

6th. You ſhall enquire into the reputation, capacity and behaviour of the Lappers of Cloth, and inform yourſelf, whether any abuſes have been committed by them, either through knavery or negligence.

7th. You ſhall enquire into the management of all Bleach-yards, and view and inſpect, as near as poſſible, whether the owners thereof conform themſelves to the Rules and Directions preſcribed by Act of Parliament.

8th. You ſhall inſpect into the performance of all Contracts made with this Board, whether they be for keeping and employing any certain number of Looms, in the making certain quantities and ſorts of goods, or keeping Flax and Yarn Shops, and employing certain ſums of money therein, according to the nature and true meaning of each Contract.

9th. You ſhall take an exact account of all and ſingular the Looms and other utenſils purchaſed by this Board, which are in the poſſeſſion of each Contractor, and if not branded, to brand them; and inform yourſelf, how they and each of them are employed; and give accounts of the ſame to us, according to the beſt of your ſkill and knowledge.

10th. You ſhall enquire whether the perſons obliged to take apprentices, have taken ſuch apprentices, and inſtructed them as they are obliged to; and how the ſaid apprentices have been employed ſince they have been out of their time.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Knox's and Mr. Echlin's Letters, in favour of James Stevenſon, and on James Stevenſon's Letter, in Anſwer to the Complaint of John Ryan, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We find by his Letter, that he acknowledges he lent his Seals to one Ruſſel Pattiſon, and to one James Huey, both of whom have ſince been appointed Lappers.

Your Committee conceive, that as it may be of dangerous conſequence to allow the Lappers to lend their Seals to any one whatever, and as he is convicted of ſo doing, by his own Letters, that the requeſt of Mr. Knox and Mr. Echlin in his favour, to have his Seal reſtored to him, cannot be complied with.

SATURDAY, June 16th, 1722.

Ordered, That 30l. be paid to Richard Hall, to ſend to Holland for the purchaſe of the ſeveral kinds of Potaſhes uſed in Holland.

SATURDAY, July 21ſt, 1722.

Ordered, That one Bolt of each ſort of the Dutch Hollands, be kept as patterns for the ſervice of this Board.

MONDAY, JULY 30th, 1722.

The Petition of Samuel Clarke, being read, complaining that one George M'Maſters, Lapper in the County of Antrim, had brought to town ſeveral pieces of Linen, which were only ſtamped with his name, and the County and number of yards at one end, and only his name at the other; and that the ſaid Marks and Stamps were not left out in the Lapping, purſuant to his Inſtructions; and the ſaid M'Maſters being called in and examined, and not having juſtified himſelf to the ſatisfaction of this Board,

ORDERED, That the ſaid M'Maſters be directed to give up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to the Lord Maſſereene or Mr. O'Neil; and that an Advertiſement be publiſhed againſt him in Pue's Occurrences and the Dublin Courant, ſetting forth the matter of fact and Reſolution of this Board.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1722.

The Board having taken into conſideration the premiums to be given for fine Linens,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 9l. to pay the premiums adjudged for the fine Cloths laid before the Board.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1722.

RESOLVED, That all complaints made to this Board be delivered in, in writing, notwithſtanding the attendance of the perſons aggrieved.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1722.

Mr. James Byrne being recommended and approved of, for overſeeing the building of the Linen-weavers Hall,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed to overſee the ſaid work, and give ſuch directions to the undertakers agreed with by the Board as ſhall be neceſſary, and as he ſhall from time to time receive from this Board; and that he give directions immediately for building the out-wall, and appoint ſuch perſon as he ſhall think fit for receiving the ſeveral materials, and that they be allowed ſuch conſideration for their trouble as Captain Burgh ſhall think reaſonable.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1722.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas, William Croſs of the Pariſh of Donaghmore, and County of Tyrone, has counterfeited the Seals and Stamps appointed by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, and affixed them to ſeveral pieces of Linen Cloth; and whereas, the ſaid Croſs was apprehended for the ſaid fact, and has ſince made his eſcape; this is to give notice, that the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, will give a reward of 10l. to any perſon who will apprehend the ſaid Croſs, ſo that he may be brought to juſtice; the ſaid 10l. to be paid at the Linen Manufacture Office, by

CHRISTOPHER USHER.

It having been referred to a Committee, to conſider of ſome proper methods for ſatisfying the Board, that the Cloths made by the ſeveral contractors, at their reſpective Manufactures, are good, ſufficient, and merchantable, and purſuant to their contracts,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Committee be diſcharged.

ORDERED, That no premium be paid to any perſon or perſons, who have contracted to make Dowlaſs, till the Dowlaſs for which the premium is demanded, ſhall be laid before the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, at their Office in the Caſtle of Dublin, or before ſuch perſon as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall appoint to view the ſame, at the places where the ſame is manufactured.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1722.

RESOLVED, That before any premium is given to any Itinerant Man, for inſtructing an apprentice in the art of Flax-dreſſing, that the ſaid apprentice break, ſcutch, and hatchel a parcel of Flax, before ſome neighbouring Juſtice of Peace, which ſaid Flax ſhall be ſealed up and ſent to this Board, together with a Certificate of ſuch Juſtice, that he ſaw the ſaid Flax ſo dreſſed by the ſaid apprentice; and that an affidavit be produced, that the ſaid apprentice was inſtructed by ſuch Itinerant Man in the art of Flax-dreſſing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22d, 1722.

The Report from the Committee on Daniel Lilly's Letter, and John Stewart's Certificates, for being a private Lapper in the County of Londonderry, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that the ſaid Lilly, Stewart, and James Sherla, had bought all the concerns from Elias Crockett, together with the Seals and Stamps granted by this Board to the ſaid Crockett, and therefore thought it no crime to make uſe of them.

We farther find, that they have, in due form, ſent up a Certificate for the ſaid John Stewart, to be appointed a private Lapper in the County of Londonderry.

We are therefore of opinion, that the ſaid John Stewart be appointed a private Lapper in the County of Londonderry, in the room of the ſaid Crockett; that a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Lilly, to inform him, that this Board does not allow their Lappers to ſell their Seals; and to direct him to ſend up Crockett's Seals, by the perſon who calls for Stewart's Commiſſion.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1722.

A Letter from Mr. Samuel Rind, Merchant at Liverpool, being read, complaining of unſtatutable Yarn exported out of this Kingdom, and particularly from Drogheda,

ORDERED, That the following Letter be wrote to the Mayor of Drogheda; and the ſaid Letter was accordingly wrote and ſigned.

SIR,

The advices communicated to us, from conſiderable dealers in Iriſh Linen Yarn, in England, ſetting forth the abuſes committed in that branch of Manufacture, ſo nearly affect the Yarn Trade in general, and your Town of Drogheda in particular, that it is become neceſſary that ſome effectual method ſhould be immediately taken to prevent them; perhaps, imminent danger may prevail with your dealers in that commodity, to put a ſtop to the evil practices complained of, though the endeavours of the Truſtees, and the advantage the Linen Manufacture would receive by the diſcouraging of all unſtatutable Yarn, were not of weight enough with them, to procure their aſſiſtance to ſtop ſo pernicious a practice: We are informed, that the Dealers and Manufacturers in Iriſh Yarn, in England, had conceived great expectations, and did highly approve of the pains and care taken in procuring a law,

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for the making all Yarn up as the ſtatute directs, by which they hoped to be relieved from the prodigious frauds and deceits of all unſtatutable Yarn; but with concern they obſerve, that all their care and pains in procuring that law, and in getting ſeveral dealers in that branch of trade, to give aſſurances under their hands, that they would not buy any more unſtatutable Yarn, are ineffectual, and that they are ſtill peſtered with it, or rather more deceived than ever; for which reaſon, their Weavers are grown very timorous and ſhy, even of ſtatutable Yarn, though it is frequently fairly made up; and if the cheats and abuſes are not ſpeedily remedied, they fear it will by degrees ruin the credit of Iriſh Yarn, and encourage the importation of Ruſſian and other foreign Yarn; they complain that the greateſt miſchief comes from Drogheda-Head-Yarn, for though it is ſold by the pound, yet, it is a prodigious loſs to the Manufacture in that Country, for few Weavers are capable of diſcovering whether they are deceived or not, till ſuch time as they have wrought up the Yarn; but as we are informed, if the Drogheda dealers were obliged to ſend over the Yarn in the ſpangle, the Country would have fairer play for their money; for ſhould a dealer in that commodity in Mancheſter, or other great Towns of Manufactures, aſk a Webſter 1d. per ſpangle more than the current price of ſuch and ſuch ſorts of Yarn, his reply would be, "I can buy it at Liverpool at a lower rate;" this they tell us, would encreaſe the conſumption, and prevent the importation of ſo much foreign Yarn, and bring riches and credit to our country: they obſerve, that all Head-yarn is unſtatutable; and they leave the difficulty that will attend the obliging the Drogheda Men to ſend over their Yarn in ſpangles, to us to obviate. We have now laid before you, the diſcredit our Yarn lies under in the Engliſh Markets; and the melancholy proſpect there is, that, that valuable branch of trade will be in a few years totally loſt to this Kingdom, if not timely prevented, which we conceive to be entirely in the power of the dealers of Drogheda to effect, with great eaſe to themſelves, if their inclinations were any ways equal to their power; for it requires nothing more, but their allowing the Advertiſement agreed on, to be publiſhed, and their ſticking cloſe to the Reſolution contained therein; but ſince we fear that it is not to be hoped for from them without compulſion, it is principally in your power, as Chief Magiſtrate, to bring them to reaſon, by ſeeing that the Laws relating to the due making up of Linen-yarn, be ſtrictly put in execution, they may aſſure themſelves, that it is our firm Reſolution, to have no method uneſſayed, that will contribute to prevent the miſchiefs complained of, and that will retrieve the credit of every part of the Linen Manufacture; we will not only ſend officers to make ſeizures of unſtatutable Yarn expoſed to ſale with you, but we will uſe our endeavours with the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, to oblige all Yarn exported, to be viewed in the Cuſtom-houſe; for though our tenderneſs to the trade, has hitherto prevented any application, in hopes of amendment in them, we can no longer forbear it; and though perhaps ſome particular perſons may ſuffer by it, it is much better a few ſhould undergo ſome hardſhip, than that our Linen Manufacture at home ſhould ſtill lie under difficulties, and our Yarn under ſuch diſcredit, that it will not ſell in an Engliſh Market. We deſire that you would be pleaſed to communicate this Letter to the gentlemen concerned in the Yarn Trade, that they may ſee upon how ill a footing their Trade ſtands; and how eaſily they may put it upon a better: It would be great pleaſure to us, that they would heartily think of regulating all the abuſes in Yarn, and that they would ſupport the perſons employed for that end: We hope they will let us know their Reſolutions upon this weighty Subject; and what reformation we are to expect among them: We have nothing more in view, than the good of the Yarn Trade in general, and benefit of your Town. We are, Sir,

Your Moſt Humble Servants.

SATURDAY, October 27th, 1722.

The Report from the Committee to whom Mr. O'Neil's letter was referred, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee having taken into conſideration Mr. O'Neil's Letter, do find, that the Lappers, by being obliged to ſtamp their Linens by the directions of this Board, with Lampblack and Oil, which will not waſh out, are liable to many abuſes from the country people, who bleach, turn, lap, and damage thoſe Cloths, which were good at the time of their ſtamping, and the buyers frequently come upon the Lappers for the damage; to remedy which evil, Mr. O'Neil propoſes, that all Lappers ſhould be directed to ſtamp their Cloths with Sizing and Lampblack, which would waſh out on the Cloths being laid down to the water, and would oblige the owner to have it re-ſtamped.

Your Committee cannot at preſent think of any more effectual remedy for the prevention of the aforeſaid abuſes, and therefore ſubmit it to the conſideration of the Board, to make ſuch order therein, as ſhall be thought moſt reaſonable.

SATURDAY, November 3d, 1722.

A Letter from the Biſhop of Dromore, with a Petition of ſeveral Weavers in the County of Down, being read,

Ordered, That the following Letter be wrote to his Lordſhip:

My Lord,

I have had the honour of your Lordſhip's Letter, complaining of the hardſhips ſeveral Weavers in your county lie under, from a clauſe in an Act of Parliament paſſed in the eighth year of her late Majeſty's reign, obliging all Weavers to ſerve five years apprenticeſhip, before they ſet up to be Maſter-weavers; as alſo a Petition encloſed with it, of ſeveral Weavers, ſetting forth their Caſe, in relation to the ſaid Clauſe, both which have been laid before the Board of Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture; and I am to inform your Lordſhip, that as the Parliament, in their great wiſdom, have thought fit to paſs ſuch a Law, and have only intruſted to their care, the advancement of the Linen Manufacture, they are of opinion, that to countenance, or even connive at any thing that is contrary to the plain letter of the Law, would juſtly bring a public cenſure on their proceedings: They do not take upon them to be judges, or even expoſitors of the Laws, but are only appointed Truſtees for the welfare of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, and to uſe their beſt endeavours to have the Laws juſtly executed; and ſo far are they from diſcouraging any one that ſhall give information againſt thoſe who ſhall act contrary to the Linen Acts, that they will give them all the encouragement in their power, and hope for the countenance of all men in authority, provided ſuch information be warranted by any of the ſaid Acts. If any perſon or perſons, have given in falſe evidence, or oppreſt the Subject under colour of Law, the Law is open to puniſh them; and in ſuch caſe, your Lordſhip may aſſure yourſelf, they

ſhall in no wiſe be protected by the Board; but to ſatisfy your Lordſhip in this matter, they have been informed by perſons of the beſt ſkill, and gentlemen who have made the ſtricteſt enquiry into the abuſes crept into the Linen Manufacture, and particularly by a letter from Mr Waring, of the ſame date with your Lordſhip's, that there is ſcarce any one by which the Trade has ſo much ſuffered, as by the inability of the Weaver; for which reaſon, there have been eight hundred Weavers at a time ſummoned before ſome Juſtices, and thoſe who had not ſerved their time, were ſent to Maſters well qualified to inſtruct them, without being in danger of ſtarving; and though there may be ſome who have not ſerved their time, that may be good maſters of their Trade, yet if thoſe ſhould be permitted to go unpuniſhed, and allowed to ſet up for Maſter-weavers, it would be made an handle for the more ignorant to pretend to the ſame privilege.

Signed, CHRIST. USHER.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1722.

The Board being informed, by a Letter from Major Thomas Aſhe, that Kilpatrick has taken Bonds from ſeveral perſons from whom he ſeized Cloth, to hinder them from proſecuting him for his illegal Proceedings,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Kilpatrick, to let him know, the Board has received information, that he has taken ſuch Bonds, and to order him to let the Board know, whether he admits the charge, and upon what account the Bonds were given.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1722.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Charles Norman, Eſq; being read,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Norman, to inform him, that, for certain reaſons, this Board cannot think fit to allow any more Spinning-ſchools in the North; but that, for the encouragement of that part of the Country, this Board is willing to allow the ſaid Mr. Norman twenty Wheels, to be diſpoſed of in that country as he ſhall think fit.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1722.

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Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have received information, that ſeveral officers employed by them to enquire into the abuſes committed in the Linen Manufacture, and to give information againſt ſuch perſons as tranſgreſs the Acts made for the improvement thereof, do frequently take bribes from ſuch offenders, and thereon promiſe they will not proſecute them, by which means ſuch offenders eſcape the puniſhment deſigned by Law to be inflicted on them, and go on in the ſame evil practices, to the great detriment of the trade:

This is to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees will, upon information of any ſuch miſbehaviour of their officers, withdraw their authority from them, and proſecute them as common cheats; and do hereby ſtrictly require all their officers not to be guilty of the like practices for the future, but to bring all offenders againſt the Linen Acts before ſome Juſtice of the Peace, in order to have them puniſhed according to Law.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ſt, 1722.

ORDERED, That the next Committee be deſired to conſider, what Stamp will be proper to be uſed by the perſon appointed to view the Dowlaſſes made by the ſeveral Contractors for that purpoſe.

ORDERED, That a Commiſſion be drawn for Thos. Jolly, directing him to ſeize all unſtatutable Yarn in the Towns of Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry; and that the ſaid Jolly be directed to give his beſt aſſiſtance to the Officers of the Revenue in thoſe places, to diſcover all unſtatutable Yarn attempted to be exported.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1722—23.

RESOLVED, That Sir Ralph Gore be recommended to the Lords Juſtices, to be one of the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture; and that a Memorial be laid before the Lords Juſtices in his favour for Ulſter;

And a Memorial was drawn and ſigned, and is as follows:

To their Excellencies the LORDS JUSTICES, GENERAL and GENERAL GOVERNORS of IRELAND.

The *Memorial* of the *Truſtees* of the *Linen* and *Hempen Manufactures*,

Sheweth,

The ſaid Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, finding, upon the death of Robert Clements, Eſq; that a place is vacant in the number of Truſtees for the Province of Ulſter, do beg leave to recommend to your Excellencies, Sir Ralph Gore, Chancellor of the Exchequer, as a perſon every way qualified to diſcharge that truſt; and we are well aſſured, he will attend the ſervice of the Manufacture, which we humbly ſubmit to your Excellencies.

RESOLVED, That the Stamp to be fixed on the Dowlaſſes, be the word *Dowlaſs*, with the name of the perſon appointed to view the ſame.

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Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, have received information, that ſeveral complaints have been made, that the Hemp raiſed by the Contractors for raiſing Hemp in this Kingdom, is not merchantable, by its being ill watered, broke and ſwingled, to the prejudice of the Hempen Manufacture, notwithſtanding the encouragement given by the ſaid Truſtees, for the propagation thereof:

This is to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees are fully determined, with the utmoſt ſeverity, to proſecute all perſons who ſhall ſell any Hemp, unmerchantable or fraudulently made up, as common cheats.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1722—23.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Betridge's Petition, being read, was agreed to, with the following Amendments: That he ſend up an Affidavit, that the Wheels granted him for the former year are diſpoſed of to the old Scholars, and new ones purchaſed for the new Scholars; and that it be a ſtanding Order for all other Schools.

A Letter from Mr. Samuel Rind to Mr. Dawſon, from Liverpool, being read, informing him of the intentions of the Merchants of Liverpool, to petition the Parliament of Great-Britain, praying, that a Duty may be laid on all Iriſh Linens under 12d. per yard value,

RESOLVED, That the following Memorial be preſented to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices:

To

To their Excellencies the Lords Justices, General and General Governors of Ireland.

The *Memorial* of the *Truſtees* for the *Linen Manufacture*,

Sheweth,

The Linen Manufacture being now the only valuable branch of trade in this Kingdom, we think ourſelves obliged to acquaint your Excellencies with every thing that may tend to its prejudice, in order to its being prevented; and that we may the better apprize your Excellencies of the matter, we beg leave to acquaint you, that by an Act of Parliament paſſed in this Kingdom, all Linen-yarn expoſed to ſale, is directed to be made up according to a certain ſtandard therein mentioned, to prevent frauds; and in purſuance of that Act, we have uſed our beſt endeavours to bring the Spinners to make up their Yarn according to that ſtandard, and in many parts of the country, they have complied with it, though yet great numbers continue their irregular and illegal practices in making up their yarn, to the great damage both of the Engliſh and Iriſh Manufactures.

But to ſet this matter in a clearer light, we muſt inform your Excellencies, that the Iriſh Yarn is diſtinguiſhed by two names; viz. one called Head or unſtatutable Yarn, and the other ſtatutable. Head-yarn is reeled up from two, three, or more Spooles or Spindles all together, the Threads no way divided, and the Reel of no certain length: That called ſtatutable, is reeled upon a Reel of two yards and an half about, from one Spoole or Spindle at a time, and divided into Knots, each Knot containing one hundred and twenty Threads, and thoſe again into ſix Loops, twelve of which make up one Hank, and of theſe Hanks, there go from one to thirty, or more to the pound, as they exceed each other in fineneſs: The advantage ariſing to the Engliſh Manufacture by this Regulation, (and which were the principal inducements for the impoſing a duty of one halfpenny per pound, on unſtatutable Yarn exported) are theſe: Firſt, that the Weaver might have a ſure rule for the ſorting of his Yarn, which is not to be done, but when the Yarn is made certain in length and count, and then weighed; (the eye being no way able to diſtinguiſh the true difference of yarn) and ſhould the Weaver make up Cloth with Yarn of different fineneſſes, the Cloth thus made up, would be uneven, wear ill, and no way anſwer the Manufacturer's expectation. A ſecond advantage is, the ſtatutable Yarn being reeled up from one Spoole or Spindle, and divided, has but one end to wind by, which makes the winding of it ready, and without waſte or loſs of Yarn; whereas the Head-yarn has as many ends, as there were Spooles or Spindles from whence they were reeled, which ſometimes are eight or nine, and being no way divided, entangle each other, and not only make the winding of it difficult and expenſive, but very often the loſs of Yarn conſiderable; and for this reaſon, the expence of winding Head-yarn, is twenty per cent. dearer in the coarſe Yarn, and more in proportion, as it is finer than ſtatutable Yarn. A third advantage of ſtatutable Yarn is, that the importer of Iriſh Yarn into England, cannot ſo eaſily defraud the Weaver in the price of Yarn; when the Weaver has occaſion for Yarn of three, four or five Hanks to the pound, he knows how many Hanks his Web will take, what ſort of Cloth they will make, and what rate it ſells at, and of conſequence, how much a Hank he can afford to give; whereas if he is to buy Head-yarn by the pound, he muſt buy as cheap as he can by gueſs, and in all probability, he muſt be deceived; for the Yarn which he hoped would anſwer to three Hanks in the pound, and paid accordingly for, does not anſwer to ſo much, by which means, he not only pays too high a price for his Yarn, but what adds to his misfortune, he works it up in a Reed and Geers, not fit for that griſt or fineneſs, which makes a thin, ill Cloth, and he muſt ſell it to loſs, which would not have happened, if the Yarn were made up according to the Statute; and many Weavers have thus been undone by unſtatutable Yarn.

The inconveniencies of Head-yarn are ſo prejudicial to the Linen Manufacture, that a Law was made, whereby all unſtatutable Yarn expoſed to ſale, is ſeizable and forfeitable; and it is further to be obſerved, that the Spinners may, with as much eaſe reel the Yarn, in the manner directed by the Statute, as they can any other way; and this truth is ſo well known, that Head-yarn is only made up by the old Iriſh, who are not eaſily weaned from their ancient cuſtoms.

This being the caſe, and Drogheda being the Port from whence the greateſt quantities of Yarn are exported to Liverpool, we thought it our duty, to ſend an Officer to Drogheda, (as we did to other Ports from whence Yarn is exported) to ſee that the Yarn expoſed to ſale, be made up according to the Statute; but the Dealers there, having been a long time accuſtomed to export unſtatutable Yarn, we have not been able to prevail with them to comply with the Law, and, therefore, they finding they meet with ſome difficulties in exporting their unſtatutable Yarn, have complained, as we are well informed, to their correſpondents in Liverpool and Manchester, that they cannot export Yarn as formerly; and to cover their intentions of acting againſt Law, inſinuate, that the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, by putting the Laws in execution, intend entirely to hinder the exportation of Linen Yarn, which, for the reaſons we ſhall hereafter give, will appear to be falſe and groundleſs; however, as we are informed, the Importers ſuſpecting they cannot be ſupplied as formerly, have conſulted how to force the Importation of Yarn from Ireland, and therefore intend to petition the Parliament, to prohibit the Importation of all Iriſh Linen, under the value of twelve-pence per yard, or at leaſt to impoſe a duty on it equivalent to a prohibition, and by that means think, when we are debarred from exporting our coarſe Linen, they will the eaſier come at the Yarn.

We muſt acquaint your Excellencies, that we are very far from endeavouring to hinder the Exportation of Linen Yarn to England; becauſe, firſt, we have not hands ſufficient to work up half the Yarn made in this Kingdom; and in the next place, we ſhould deprive this country of the benefit ariſing from the Exportation of ſo great a part of its own product; but our chief aim is, to bring it to a legal, and conſequently to a regular method, for the advantage of both the Engliſh and Iriſh Manufactures.

We muſt alſo further acquaint your Excellencies, that the greateſt part of our Linen Cloth imported into England, is of that kind and price they would prohibit, which is chiefly for the wear of the common people, and as it cannot be exported from Ireland either ſtained or dyed; ſo England, which has the benefit of ſtaining and dying it, and ſending it to their Plantations, would be a very great ſufferer by ſuch prohibition or duty; for thoſe who make ſuch Linens in England, are ſo very few, that they could not ſupply the hundredth part of the conſumption of Great-

Great-Britain and the Weſt-Indies, and, conſequently, England muſt be obliged to buy Linen-Cloths from other Countries, and at a much dearer rate than they can be had from hence.

We might add many other reaſons beſides what we have here laid down, particularly the injury it would do to the Revenue, and thereby make it more difficult to ſupport the eſtabliſhment; but we fear we have already been too tedious, and, therefore, ſhall only beg your Excellencies to take ſuch meaſures for preventing the great miſchiefs we apprehend, in ſuch manner as to your Excellencies ſhall ſeem meet.

RESOLVED, That the Lord Abercorn be deſired to wait on their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, with the ſaid Memorial.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ſt, 1722—23.

RESOLVED, That two Letters be written, with Copies of the Memorial agreed on at the laſt Board to be ſent, one to the Lord Viſcount Middleton, the other to Mr. Secretary Southwell.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be written to Mr. Secretary Hopkins, to deſire his beſt offices for the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1722—23.

A Paper, entitled, A Deſcription of the Iriſh Linen Yarn, being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That Mr. Lucas, Mr. Dawſon, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Thomas Burgh, or any three of them, be a Committee to conſider and amend the ſaid Paper, in order to its being laid before this Board, that it may be printed.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1722—23.

ORDERED, That the conſideration of giving ſome encouragement to particular Girls in a School, for their better improvement, be referred to the next Committee.

The Committee appointed at laſt Board, to conſider a Paper, entitled, A Deſcription of the Iriſh Linen Yarn, having conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Amendments to the Title and Paper, the ſame was read and approved of, and is as follows:

Some Obſervations on the Linen Yarn of Ireland, ſhewing the Advantages of ſtatutable Yarn, and the Diſadvantages in working up Head or unſtatutable Yarn.

Iriſh Yarn is diſtinguiſhed by two names, one called ſtatutable Yarn, the other Head or unſtatutable Yarn; that called ſtatutable, is reeled upon a Reel of two yards and a half about, from one Spoole or Spindle at a time, and divided into Knots or Cuts, each Knot containing one hundred and twenty Threads, and thoſe ſubdivided into ſix Loops, twelve of which make up one Hank, which is to be all of one ſort of Yarn, either all of Flax, or all of Tow; and of thoſe Hanks, there go from one to thirty, or more, to the pound, as they exceed each other in fineneſs; but Head-yarn is reeled up from two, three, or more Spooles or Spindles all together, the Reel of no certain length, and the Threads not divided into Knots or Cuts, and frequently both Flax and Tow-yarn, are reeled together in the ſame Hank, and of different fineneſſes.

The advantages ariſing to the Manufacturer by ſtatutable Yarn, are theſe: Firſt, that the Weaver has a ſure rule for the ſorting of his Yarn, whereon the truth and goodneſs of his Cloth principally depends, which is not to be done, but when the Yarn is made certain in length and count, and then weighed, (the eye not being able exactly to diſtinguiſh the true difference of Yarn) and ſhould the Weaver make up Cloth with Yarn of different grifts of fineneſs, the Cloth thus made up, would be uneven, and wear ill.

A ſecond advantage is, the ſtatutable Yarn being reeled up from one Spoole or Spindle, and divided, has but one end to wind by, which makes the winding of it ready, without either waſte of Yarn or loſs of time; whereas the Head-yarn has as many ends, as there were Spooles or Spindles from whence it was reeled, (which ſometimes are eight or nine) and being no way divided, entangle each other, and not only make the winding of it difficult and expenſive, but very often the waſte of Yarn conſiderable; and the expence of winding Head-yarn, is generally twenty per cent. dearer than ſtatutable Yarn.

A third advantage is, that the Weaver, or any other perſon whatever, may buy any quantity of ſtatutable Yarn with certainty, without being impoſed upon; whereas he can only buy Head-yarn by gueſs, and may be greatly deceived; for inſtance, a Weaver having occaſion for Yarn of three or four Hanks to the pound, knows how many Hanks of ſtatutable Yarn his Web will take, what ſort of Cloth they will make, and what rate his piece of Cloth will ſell for; conſequently, he knows what price he can afford to give for his Yarn, and be a gainer; whereas, when he buys Head-yarn by gueſs, his gain, if any, will be uncertain.

The Spinner can reel up her Yarn as eaſily, according to the Statutes, as in the unſtatutable ways, and can afford to ſell the firſt as cheap as the latter; and when Yarn is made up according to law, it is not ſubject to the additional duty of one halfpenny per pound on exportation, put on by the Parliament to diſcourage frauds, and oblige the Merchants to buy only what is regular and ſtatutable; and if all buyers would declare their reſolution to buy no Yarn but what is ſtatutable, the whole Kingdom would ſoon make up their Yarn conformable to the Laws of the Land.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1722—23.

The Report of the Committee on the Anſwer of Edward Kilpatrick, to the Complaint made againſt him, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that he has taken Bonds from ſeveral perſons from whom he ſeized Cloth, to hinder them from proſecuting him for his illegal proceedings, and are of opinion, that his Commiſſion ſhould be taken from him, and he diſcharged the ſervice of this Board.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, 1722—23.

The form of a Bond to be entered into by perſons undertaking the ſowing of Hemp-ſeed, being read, was approved of, and is as follows:

This Bill binds me unto Chriſt. Uſher, Eſq; Clerk to the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of Ireland, his Executors or Adminiſtrators, in the penal ſum of Sterl. well and truly to be paid unto him the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, or his lawful Attorney, on demand; for the true payment whereof, I bind Me, my Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, firmly by theſe Preſents, conditioned, that if the ſaid his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, or ſome or one of them, ſhall or will ſow, or cauſe to be ſowed, ſome time in the month

month of April, or firſt week in May next enſuing the date hereof, in good and proper ſoil, at aforeſaid, the of delivered him by order of the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of Ireland, and ſhall and will ſow the Seed, and water the Hemp, and preſerve the produce Seed, and ſwingle or ſcutch the Hemp thereout ariſing, according to ſuch Directions and Inſtructions, as he or they ſhall receive from or any other of the Itinerant Men appointed by the ſaid Truſtees; and alſo ſhall return to the ſaid Truſtees, at their Linen-Manufacture-Office at the Caſtle of Dublin, a Survey taken by an able Surveyor, who ſhall return upon oath, the quantity of land ſown with Hemp by the ſaid each Seaſon during this Contract; and that he the ſaid ſhall and will, from time to time, lay or cauſe to be laid before the ſaid Truſtees, a juſt and true account of the quantity of Hemp-ſeed, and Hemp produced annually from his the ſaid ſowing thereof, or cauſing the ſame to be ſown; and ſhall annually, during theſe four next ſucceſſive Seaſons, ſow the like quantity of Seed, as he now receives, in well prepared ground; and ſhall, from time to time, during the ſaid four years, to be accounted from the 24th of March, 1724, on his and their part, well and truly obſerve, perform, fulfil and keep, all and ſingular the Covenants, Clauſes and Agreements herein abovementioned, then this obligation to be void, otherwiſe to remain in full force and virtue in Law. As witneſs my Hand and Seal, this Day of

SATURDAY, March 30th, 1723.

The Report of the Committee on the methods propoſed for preventing the abuſes committed by turn lapping Linen-Cloths, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider what new Inſtructions may be proper to be given to the Lappers, to prevent turn lapping of Cloth, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that whereas in the Inſtructions formerly given to the Lappers, they were directed to ſtamp all Linens with Lampblack and Oil; and whereas ſeveral abuſes have been committed by re-lapping Linen-cloths,

Your Committee is of opinion, that the ſeveral Lappers employed by this Board, be directed to ſtamp all merchantable Linen Cloths which they ſhall lap, with the Harp and Crown, name of the County, name of the Lapper, and number of yards at each end of the piece; and that for the future, they make thoſe Stamps with Lampblack and Size; and when the Cloth is lapped, to affix the Stamp with the Harp and Crown and County, on the meeting of the two folds of the Cloth, near the Selvidge of the Lap-yard, ſo that one part of the Harp and Crown may be on one ſide of the folding, and the other on the other ſide of the folding of the Lap-yard, and the two Letters of his Chriſtian and Surname, and the number of yards on the back of the Lap-yard, which ſaid laſt marks, viz. the Stamp of the Harp and Crown on the folding of the Lap-yard, and the Letters of his Chriſtian and Surname, and the number of yards on the back of the Lap-yard, your Committee is of opinion, ſhould be made with Red-lead and Size, all which Stamps may waſh out, and prevent the many abuſes committed by turn lapping Cloths.

Additional *Inſtructions* given by the *Truſtees* of the *Linen Manufacture*, to appointed *Lapper* in the County of

1ſt. You ſhall not ſtamp any Linen Cloth in any Fair, during the continuance of ſuch Fair.

2d. You ſhall ſeize all Cloths that ſhall be lapped, and not ſtamped according to Act of Parliament, and bring them before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, in order to levy the penalty appointed by Act of Parliament.

3d. You ſhall ſtamp the Cloth you lap, with your name, the Harp and Crown, the name of the County, and number of yards, at each end of the piece, fairly and clean, with Lampblack and Size.

4th. When you have lapped the Cloth, you ſhall affix the Harp and Crown, and County, on the meeting of the two folds of the Cloth, near the Selvidge of the Lap-yard, ſo that part of the Harp and Crown ſhall be on one ſide of the folding, and part on the other ſide of the folding of the Lap-yard, and the two Letters of your Chriſtian and Surname, and number of yards on the back of the Lap-yard, which marks ſhall be ſtamped with Red-lead and Size, and take off all the impreſſions clean and fair.

Ordered, That they be printed, and that they ſtand in the place of the former additional Inſtructions given to the Lappers.

SATURDAY, April 6th, 1723.

The Report from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of William Holmes's Flax ſhop at Dungannon, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that in order to enable the Board of Truſtees, to judge how far the ſaid William Holmes, and all other Contractors for Flax-ſhops, act according to reaſon and juſtice with thoſe they deal with in thoſe commodities, it were requiſite, that they ſhould keep their accounts more regularly than they do; that is to ſay, they ſhould enter what the nature of the Flax is, whether ſcutched or hatchelled, and to what degree of fineneſs it would ſpin, the ſum it coſt them by the ſtone; likewiſe, where they ſell Flax, they ſhould ſet forth whether it is ſwingled or hatchelled; in like manner, where they buy Yarn, they ſhould be particular as to the ſets, that is to ſay, where they buy Yarn of one, two, three or more dozen, they ought to ſet forth, what they gave a dozen or ſpangle for each ſort of Yarn, and the quality of them with relation to the ſtandard; they ſhould obſerve the like regulations with relation to their ſale of Yarn, and keep accounts thereof exactly, and return the ſame to this Board, whereby the Board will form a judgment, whether the Spinners and Weavers are fairly dealt with by them, and the trade encouraged, which is the end ſought for by the Board.

Ordered, That the above Inſtructions be given to all the Flax-ſhops encouraged by this Board.

SATURDAY, April 20th, 1723.

Directions how to prepare Colours for ſtamping Linen-cloths, being read, were approved of.

Ordered, That they be printed, and that they be ſent down to the Lappers, along with the additional Inſtructions laſt agreed on.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, April 27th, 1723.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition and Propoſal of Richard Hall, for erecting a Bleach-yard for bleaching Linen-cloths, as the ſame is done at Harlem in Holland, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that it will be of great advantage to the Linen Manufacture, that ſuch a Bleach-yard ſhould be ſet up, under the care of Richard Hall, wherein he ſhould be obliged to bleach all Linen-cloths brought to him, at a certain rate; and be obliged to inſtruct ſuch perſons as this Board ſhall think fit, in his Art of Bleaching, which will very much increaſe the number of good Bleachers in this Kingdom.

Ordered, That for the future, all Dowlaſs ſhall be ſtamped with Lampblack and Oil, and that Thomas Jolly have Directions accordingly.

Ordered, That the Attorney to this Board, do at the cloſe of every term, lay before it an account of what progreſs he has made in the ſeveral proſecutions which have been, or ſhall be committed to his care.

Ordered, That the next Committee be deſired to enquire, what Proceedings at Law have been made in the proſecution of the ſeveral Bonds now lying in the Attorney's hands.

SATURDAY, May 4th, 1723.

Wm. Stewart's Petition being read, complaining of the Rev. Philip Mathews raiſing a mob on him at the Fair of Ballymena, and refuſing to condemn ſome Green Cloths for not being run with the Black Threads,

Ordered, That a Letter be written to Mr. Stewart, to acquaint him, that his ſeizing of Linen-cloth for want of running the Black Thread through the Same, is not warranted by Law; the remedy againſt that evil being to proceed by complaint to the Juſtice of the Peace, againſt any particular Weaver offending, who may levy the Penalty by his Warrant, by diſtreſs and ſale of the offender's goods, and give the penalty to the informer; and that Mr. Stewart be likewiſe required to ſend up his own, and ſuch other Examinations, on oath, as to any miſbehaviour of the Juſtice.

SATURDAY, May 11th, 1723.

Resolved, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that after the reading of the Reports, all Letters which have come to hand ſince the former meeting of the Board, be then laid before the Board.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall be directed to write to Holland, to his Correſpondent there, to contract with ſome workman in or about Targow, ſkilled in the bruſhing and dreſſing of Flax, in the beſt manner practiſed there; and that his Correſpondent do ſignify his proceedings herein as ſpeedily as poſſible, and the expence that will attend the bringing over ſuch a perſon.

SATURDAY, May 18th, 1723.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of James Stevenſon, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider James Stevenſon's Petition, praying to be reſtored to his office of Lapper, have met and conſidered the matter thereof, and are of opinion, that he be reſtored to the office of Lapper, on his entering into new ſecurity for his office of Lapper.

We are likewiſe of opinion, that a Letter be writ to him, to let him know, it has been with a great deal of difficulty that he is reſtored; and that if ever he make a ſlip again, he ſhall be proſecuted with the utmoſt ſeverity.

SATURDAY, June 8th, 1723.

The Report of the Committee on the Lord St. George's Letter, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Letter from the Right Hon. Lord St. George, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that his Lordſhip's Letter conſiſts of two particulars, one a demand of the allowance uſually given to his Manufacture, the other, that he have this encouragement continued to him for a farther time.

Your Committee beg leave to obſerve, that ſhould all Manufactures that are ſet up by this Board, expect new encouragement, or a continuance of that at firſt given them, ſeveral inconveniencies would ariſe; as firſt, the Board would never have it in their power to give an equal encouragement to the ſeveral parts of the Kingdom, but would be tied down to thoſe Manufactures they have already encouraged. Secondly, if the Board continues thoſe encouragements they have given, for a further time than their Contract, it will be a handle for other Manufacturers to make the like demands; and laſtly, the giving ſo largely to ſome Manufacturers, will only enable them to underwork thoſe Manufacturers that have not the like encouragement, and ſo prejudice rather than advance the trade; for which reaſons, and that ſuch a large ſum has been laid out on the Manufacture at Headford, upon which ſcore, it ought now to ſtand by itſelf, your Committee does not think it reaſonable to continue the encouragement to that Manufacture.

TUESDAY, June 11th, 1723.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have reaſon to believe, that there will be great ſcarcity of Flaxſeed in foreign parts this enſuing year; and having determined not to import any the next Seaſon, and being alſo deſirous that ſuch a quantity of Flax-ſeed ſhould be ſaved in this Kingdom, as may be ſufficient for carrying on the Linen Manufacture thereof, they have given orders to all their Itinerant Men, to ſave and preſerve the Seed of ſuch Flax as they have under their care, in the moſt effectual manner, according to the directions given them for that purpoſe; and as ſuch directions may be of public uſe and advantage, they have ordered the ſame to be publiſhed, which are as follow:

Directions for preſerving of Flax Seed.

You are to obſerve, that when the lower ends of the Stalks are turned yellow, and the tops of the Pops or Bolls are of a brown colour, the Flax is fit for pulling.

In pulling, obſerve to lay each handful acroſs the other, upon the middle of the ridge, till there is about the quantity of a Sheaf together; let it lie ſo for three or four days; then bind it near the Butts or Roots, with a band of the ſame, always obſerving at the time of binding, to turn the inner ſide of the Heaps outward in the Sheaf; then

then ſet eight or ten ſuch ſheaves in a row, two and two, with the heads leaning againſt each other, ſpreading the tops of the Sheaves like a fan; in which manner, let it ſtand for eight or ten days, or till perfectly dry; then put on another band, near the tops of the Sheaves, and keep it in a dry houſe or ſtack, till March; then beat out the Seed, and thoſe who cannot ſpare their Flax till Spring, may ripple off the Bolls, provided they dry the Flax as above-mentioned, and keep the Bolls on a dry Floor, turning them over once every ten or twelve days, till March, during which time the Seed receives a great nouriſhment from the Bolls, and keeps it from the common danger of heating; near the middle of March, beat out the Seed, and clean it for ſowing.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1723.

RESOLVED, That from this time, no payments be made to any School, without a receipt from the Scholars or their Parents, and a receipt from the Miſtreſs, that ſhe has received her Quarter's Allowance, indorſed on the back of the Quarter's Account.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1723.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider and treat with the Proprietors of a lot of ground near Drumcondra, pitched on by Richard Hall for the making a Bleach-yard, in imitation of thoſe made at Harlem; and alſo the Petition of ſaid Richard Hall, being read, was approved of, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that it will not be adviſeable for this Board to take the ground aforementioned, and ſubject themſelves to a rent for the term of thirty-one years; but that it will be more for the public ſervice, to allow Mr. Hall the ſum of 236l. 2s. 6d. towards building the Buck-houſe, encloſing and trenching the Bleach-yard, and providing all neceſſaries proper for Bleaching; and whereas Mr. Hall, by this undertaking, quits his preſent ſalary of 40l. per annum, your Committee are of opinion, that the Leaſe of the ſaid Bleach-yard ſhould be taken in Mr. Hall's name, and he made ſubject to the rent thereof; and alſo be obliged to have 800l. ſtock of Cloth, Yarn and Aſhes, in the ſaid Bleach-yard and Buck-houſe yearly, and every year, from the 1ſt of May 1724, to the 1ſt of May 1731; and alſo be obliged to inſtruct all ſuch perſons in the Art of Bleaching, as this Board ſhall direct; we are therefore of opinion, that he be allowed the ſum of 100l. per annum, for ſeven years, from the 29th September next, if the funds veſted in this Board, ſo long continue together; with the above ſum of 236l. 2s. 6d. on his entering into contract to perform the ſeveral Covenants above ſet forth.

Your Committee are farther of opinion, that in the Contract that ſhall be entered into by Mr. Hall, a clauſe be inſerted, obliging him to refund the aforeſaid ſum of 236l. 2s. 6d. being the coſt of the Buck-houſe, Bleach-yard and utenſils; and that the ſaid ſum of 100l. per annum be ſtopped if he do not in three years bring the Iriſh Linens to the ſame perfection of colour with the Dutch; and that he give a defeaſance to the Board, impowering them to ſettle ſome other perſon in the Bleach-yard and Buck-houſe aforementioned, if he ſhall fail to carry on the trade according to the ſeveral articles of his Contract.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1723.

ORDERED, That Henry Moone, be appointed porter for the Linen-Hall, at a ſalary of 25l. per annum, and that he reſide in the Lodge built near the ſaid Hall.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ſt, 1723.

The Board having reaſſumed the conſideration of encouraging the raiſing of large quantities of Hemp and Flax in this Kingdom, came to the following Reſolutions:

RESOLVED, That a premium ſhall be given to thoſe perſons, who ſhall ſow Dutch or Riga Flax-ſeed by contract with this Board.

RESOLVED, That no contract ſhall be made for leſs than ten acres, and that to be the property of one man.

RESOLVED, That the premium to be given to the Contractors, ſhall be five buſhels of foreign Flax-ſeed an acre; and the Contractors to be obliged to ſow the ſaid land, three years with the ſaid Seed, and produce of the ſaid Seed, or with foreign Flax-ſeed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1723.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Keeler, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to take into conſideration the Petition of John Keeler of Liſburn, praying ſome encouragement for making of Linen Handkerchiefs and Cambricks, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that on his entering into contract, to ſet up and keep employed in Liſburn aforeſaid, three Looms in the making of Linen Handkerchiefs, and turning out of each Loom, during the ſaid Contract, ſix hundred yards of ſuch Handkerchiefs, yearly; as alſo ſetting up one more Loom, which he ſhall keep employed in making of Cambricks of Yarn, of the growth and manufacture of this Kingdom, and turning out of the ſaid Loom, yearly, at leaſt one hundred yards, he be lent four Looms, that 12l. be granted him, and ſix Spinning-wheels, at 8s. per Wheel, for fine Yarn; alſo, that he be allowed 6d. per yard for all Cambricks he ſhall make in the ſaid Loom, during three years, not leſs than 5s. per yard in value, and not to exceed two hundred yards in one year.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ſt, 1723.

There having been a Petition of ſeveral Dealers in and about Mancheſter, laid before His Majeſty, againſt a Clauſe in the Linen Bill, for the ſeizing all unſtatutable Linen Yarn, and a copy of the ſaid petition being laid before the Board, and read,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do attend Mr. Coote, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Roſe, this afternoon, and take Inſtructions from them for oppoſing the ſaid Petition; and that they be impowered to lay out ſuch ſums of money as ſhall be neceſſary for that purpoſe.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ſt, 1723—24.

The Board having taken into conſideration the Petition of the Merchants and Dealers in Iriſh Yarn, and of ſeveral Weavers and Manufacturers of Linen, in and near the Town of Mancheſter, praying to be heard by their Council, againſt a Clauſe in the Linen Bill, lately tranſmitted to Great-Britain, agreed upon a Memorial to His Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, humbly deſiring His Grace, to take ſuch meaſures for ſetting the ſaid Clauſe before His Majeſty and Council in a juſt light, and ſupporting the ſame, which was ordered to be ſent to Mr. Burton, with a deſire that he will lay it before the Lord Lieutenant now at Caſtletown.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1723—24.

The Report of the Committee on John Geary's Petition, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of John Geary, praying to be reimburſed the expences he has been at in the proſecution of William Croſs, and to have ſome gratuity for his trouble in the ſaid Proſecution, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that the ſaid Croſs was convicted and pilloried for counterfeiting the Stamps of this Board, on the proſecution of the ſaid Geary, purſuant to the orders of this Board; and are therefore of opinion, that he be allowed 1l. 10s. being the charges he has been at in the ſaid Proſecution, and 4l. 10s. for his trouble, making together the ſum of 6l.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1723—24.

ORDERED, That Mr. James Burn do lay before this Board before Friday next, an account of all money by him received and laid out on account of the Linen Hall; and that if he do not bring in ſuch account by that time, that Mr. Uſher direct Mr. Neſbit to take out a marked Writ, and arreſt him.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1723—24.

The Certificates of William Wigham of Ballyboney in the County of Down, to be a public Lapper in the ſaid County, being read,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to Mr. Hawkins, who certified for him, and deſire he may inform the Board, whether there be any Lapper who reſides within two miles of the ſaid Wigham, that the Board may judge whether it be neceſſary to appoint him a Lapper.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1723—24.

A Letter from Mr. Gaſper White to Mr. Thos. Burgh, in relation to the Importation of Flax and Flax-ſeed from Poland and the Baltic, being read, was referred to a Committee.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1723—24.

The Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Gaſper White's Letter, having met and diſcourſed with Mr. White on the ſubject matter of his ſaid Letter,

RESOLVED, That Mr. White be employed to go to Koningſberg, and the adjacent parts of Poland and Pruſſia.

RESOLVED, That he have one hundred guineas for his own perſonal expences and trouble.

RESOLVED, That he bring over ſome perſons ſkilled in the raiſing, cultivating, and dreſſing Hemp and Flax, not exceeding twenty, nor leſs than twelve in number; and pay for their freight and charges in bringing them over, and give them ſuch premium in hand as he finds neceſſary, which this Board will repay him.

RESOLVED, That he bring over one or two ſets of their ſeveral engines, tools and utenſils, for breaking, ſwingling, and dreſſing Hemp and Flax, unleſs where they are too large to be carried, in which caſe, to bring models of them, and a perſon who underſtands the making of them.

RESOLVED, That he be impowered to engage with ſuch perſons, for ſuch ſalaries or allowance as he can agree for, not exceeding 6s per week per man, for three years, unleſs they be ſooner and better provided for to their own ſatisfaction; but to agree with one or two good artificers, as he ſhall find neceſſary, on the beſt terms he can agree.

RESOLVED, That he be deſired to contract for five hundred barrels of the beſt Flax-ſeed of that country, to be imported and landed in this Kingdom, as early in the following Spring as poſſible; and inſure the ſame in one of the new London Inſurance Offices; for which and all charges, this Board will pay.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1723—24.

A Penal Bill being laid before the Board, to be entered into by thoſe who ſhall ſow Hemp-ſeed this Seaſon, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

This Bill binds me unto Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; Clerk to the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of Ireland, his Executors or Adminiſtrators, in the penal ſum of Sterl. well and truly to be paid unto him the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, or his lawful Attorney, on demand; for the true payment whereof, I bind Me, my Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, firmly by theſe preſents, conditioned, that if the ſaid his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, or ſome or one of them, ſhall or will ſow, or cauſe to be ſowed, ſome time in the month of April, or the firſt week in May, next enſuing the date hereof, in good and proper ſoil, at aforeſaid, the of delivered him by order of the Truſtees of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures of Ireland, and ſhall and will ſow the Seed, and water the Hemp, and preſerve the produce Seed, and ſwingle and ſcutch the Hemp thereout ariſing, according to ſuch Directions and Inſtructions, as he or they ſhall receive from or any other of the Itinerant Men appointed by the ſaid Truſtees; and alſo ſhall return to the ſaid Truſtees, at the Linen-Manufacture-Office at the Caſtle of Dublin, a Survey taken by an able Surveyor, who ſhall return upon oath, the quantity of land ſown with Hemp by the ſaid each Seaſon during the Contract; and that he the ſaid ſhall and will, from time to time, lay or cauſe to be laid before the ſaid Truſtees, a juſt and true account of the quantity of Hemp-ſeed and Hemp produced annually from his the ſaid ſowing thereof, or cauſing the ſame to be ſown; and ſhall, annually, during the three next ſucceſſive Seaſons, ſow the like quantity of Seed as he now receives, in well prepared ground; and ſhall, from time to time during the ſaid three years, to be accounted from the 24th of March, 1724, on his and their part, well and truly obſerve, perform, fulfil and keep, all and ſingular the Covenants, Clauſes and Agreements herein above-mentioned, then this obligation to be void, otherwiſe to remain in full force and virtue in Law. As witneſs my Hand and Seal, this Day of

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1723—24.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider of proper methods for the diſtributing of Wheels and Reels throughout the Kingdom, being read, was agreed to by the Board, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that it may be proper for this Board, to lay out the ſum of 1008l. in the purchaſe of Spinning-wheels, to be diſtributed by ſuch perſons in each County, as this Board ſhall think fit; to be by them lent to ſuch poor people as will make uſe of them, but are not able to purchaſe them, ſuch perſons binding themſelves to make conſtant uſe of the ſaid Wheels, and obliging themſelves to return them if demanded. The allowance your Committee propoſe to give, is 4l. 10s. per ſcore, which, at ſeven ſcore to a County, comes to 31l. 10s.

31l. 10s. to each County, and amounts to the ſum of 1008l. for the whole Kingdom.

We are alſo of opinion that the like number of cheque Reels be purchaſed, to be given to ſuch perſons as this Board ſhall direct in each County, to be by them lent to the ſpinners of Yarn for ſale, every perſon receiving ſuch Reels, to give a receipt for the ſame, and binding him or herſelf, in a penalty of 10s. to make up all the Yarn they ſhall vend according to the ſtatute, and to lend the ſame to any neighbour of credit when they are not making uſe of it; and that all the ſaid Wheels and Reels be branded with the mark of this Board, and only lent to the ſpinners.

We are farther of opinion, that printed Bonds be ſent to each County to be perfected by the perſon receiving the Wheels and Reels; and that an Advertiſement be publiſhed, deſiring the tradeſmen to give in their propoſals for making the Wheels and Reels, and that their propoſals do not exceed the above price for the Wheels, and 2l. 5s. for a ſcore of Reels.

Perſons were appointed for the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels in the ſeveral Counties.

The Report of the Committee, on the Memorial of John Irwine, Eſq; being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of John Irwine, Eſq; have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion that he be allowed the ſum of 20l. towards making a Bleach-yard, containing two plantation acres, to be encloſed by a ditch of ſeven by ſix feet deep, well planted with furze or quicks, and within ſide, a moat of ten feet broad and ſix feet deep, with ten channels through the ſame, of three feet by three feet, the whole to be levelled, and the upper ſods or turf of the channels to be cleared off and carried away, with a convenient Buck-houſe of thirty-two by ſixteen feet in the clear, with a party wall, chimney, boilers, and all other conveniencies; the ſame not to be paid till ſuch time as ſufficient proof be made of the work being finiſhed.

SATURDAY, February 29th, 1723—24.

The Board having agreed, That no two perſons of one family in the ſame County, ſhould have the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels in ſuch County, and the Lord St. George, and Captain John Uſher, being of the ſame family,

Ordered, That Captain John Uſher be ſtruck out of the County of Galway, and the Lord Biſhop of Clonfert, be put down for the ſaid County.

A piece of Linen being laid before the Board, ſtamped by Robert Gurnall, which, on waſhing, proved to be rotten,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to his bail, directing them to ſhew cauſe by this day three weeks, why they ſhould not pay for the ſaid Cloth.

THURSDAY, March 12th, 1723—24.

Resolved, That Thomas Marley, Eſq; be recommended to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to be a Truſtee of the Linen Manufacture, in the room of the Lord Newtown, deceaſed.

A Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant, in favour of Mr. Marley, being drawn, was ſigned, and is as follows:

To His Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland.

The Memorial of the Truſtees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures,

Sheweth,

The ſaid Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, finding upon the death of Theophilus, Lord Baron of Newtown Butler, that a place is vacant in the number of Truſtees, for the province of Ulſter, do beg leave to recommend to your Grace, Thomas Marley, Eſq; his Majeſty's Solicitor General, as a perſon every way qualified to diſcharge that Truſt; and we are well aſſured he will attend the ſervice of the Manufacture, which we humbly ſubmit to your Grace.

SATURDAY, March 28th, 1724.

Mr. Gamble having attended, purſuant to the orders of this Board, to juſtify the proceedings of Robert Gornall, in the execution of his office of Lapper,

Resolved, That Mr. Uſher direct ſeven dealers in Linen, to attend this day fortnight, and that Mr. Gamble do appoint ſix more to attend; and that the ſaid thirteen perſons be judges of the ſufficiency of the Cloth complained of, and whether the Lapper could in reaſon refuſe ſtamping the ſaid Cloth.

SATURDAY, April 11th, 1724.

William Gamble, Security of Robert Gurnall, having attended according to order, and the ſeveral perſons ſummoned having alſo attended,

Resolved, That the piece of Cloth complained of, was not ſufficient, and ought not to be lapped.

SATURDAY, April 25th, 1724.

Whereas it is enacted, that it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them, to allow their Clerk officiating by himſelf, and not by a deputy, any further ſum or increaſe of ſalary, not exceeding 100l. per annum: Now the ſaid Truſtees, in purſuance of the ſaid power, do hereby appoint the ſum of 25l. to be paid as an increaſe of ſalary for one quarter, ending Lady-day 1724, to Chriſtopher Uſher, preſent Clerk, and that the ſaid ſum of 25l. continue to be paid hereafter quarterly.

SATURDAY, May 9th, 1724.

A Motion being made, that ſome gratuity be given to Captain Johnſton, for his trouble and expence in carrying over the Linen Bill paſſed laſt Seſſion, and ſoliciting the ſame before the Council in England; and twenty piſtoles being propoſed as a gratuity,

Ordered, That a Warrant be drawn for 18l. 10s. to be paid to Captain Johnſton, on the account before mentioned.

SATURDAY, June 6th, 1724.

The Report from the Committee appointed, to conſider the Petition of Mr. Stephen Butler, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, by a letter from the Reverend Dr. Andrew Hamilton, to the Right Honourable the Earl of Abercorn, that the gentlemen of the County of Donegal finding great abuſes committed in the Yarn Trade in that County, did, about three years ago, think it proper to deſire a gentleman of integrity to attend all the Fairs and Markets in that part of the Country, and accordingly they appointed the ſaid Mr. Butler to that Office, with a promiſe that when he had given good proof of his diligence and faithfulneſs, and the good effects thereof appeared, they would repreſent his good ſervices to this Board; we find by the ſame letter, that the ſaid Mr. Butler has acquitted himſelf extremely well, and had attended the Fairs and Markets, and acted with great care and impartiality for the beſt part of three years laſt paſt, and that by his puniſhing ſome offenders, and inſtructing the more ignorant, and returning their Yarn to be new reeled, the good effects of his conduct were found all over that Country, inſomuch that it is now very rare to meet with any Yarn in that Country that is not made up ſtatutably; and that the Yarn of that Country is grown into ſuch reputation, that greater quantities of it than ever, are now ſhipped off at Londonderry; and that two conſiderable dealers in Yarn are come from Drogheda to ſettle there, for the advantage of the ſtatutable Yarn; we find alſo that he has received from the gentlemen of that County, two ſmall gratifications for his ſervices, which were not ſufficient even to bear his expences.

Your Committee farther find by a Letter from George Maghee, Eſq; to the Right Honourable Oliver St. George, that Mr. Butler has by his great diligence and care ſo reformed that County, that it is wonderful to obſerve the regularity he has brought the people to in ſo ſhort a time, which he attributes to his activeneſs in his buſineſs, his being eſteemed by the gentlemen of the County, and his being feared by the commonalty; and this he alſo gives as a reaſon why he is more capable of doing ſervice to the Country, than if men of leſs conſideration were employed.

Your Committee farther find, that Mr. Butler was employed by this Board, by their Commiſſion, and has produced to us a Certificate from the Grand Jury of the ſaid County, conſiſting of the moſt conſiderable gentlemen thereof, at laſt Aſſizes, wherein they confirm the character given of Mr. Butler, as to his diligence and faithfulneſs in diſcharge of that truſt.

Your Committee therefore are of opinion, that the ſaid Mr. Butler very well deſerves the ſum of 50l. and that the ſame will be a gratification very well beſtowed for the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture.

ORDERED, On motion of the Right Honourable the Lord Abercorn, that Claude Hamilton, Eſq; of Strabane, be appointed in the County of Tyrone, for the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels deſigned for his Lordſhip.

ORDERED, That John Davis of Errity, in the Barony of Raphoe, Eſq; be added to the number of gentlemen ſet down for Wheels and Reels, for the County of Donegal, to have a ſhare in the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels deſigned for that County.

Mr. James Stevenſon, Lapper, in the County of Tyrone, having attended to anſwer the complaint of Edward Meares, and having produced Mr. Joſeph Walker, an Engliſh Merchant, to vouch the fairneſs of his dealing with him, and the ſaid Mr. Walker having offered to enquire into the matter in England,

ORDERED, That Mr. James Stevenſon immediately lodge his Seals in the Clerk's hands, and be ſuſpended from his office; and that Mr. Walker be deſired to return an account how he finds the matter, by the 24th of Auguſt next.

ORDERED, That the Secretary write a circular Letter to all the Lappers, informing them, that there are great abuſes committed by ſome of them, which bring the Linens of this Kingdom into great diſcredit, and let them know that the Board is determined to proſecute all offenders, and to direct them to take care of their proceedings.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th, 1724.

The Petition of Robert Shermandine being read, praying an order may be directed to Mr. Richard Hall, for the inſtructing him in the art of bleaching,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher iſſue ſuch an order to Mr. Hall, for inſtructing the ſaid Shermandine in the art of bleaching, till the 29th of September, 1725.

SATURDAY, JULY 11th, 1724.

The Report of the Committee on Alexander Atkinſon's petition being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that 20l. be lent to ſaid Alexander Atkinſon, on his giving ſecurity that he will make two hundred and eighty-eight yards of broad Bed-ticks every year, in imitation of the Flanders Ticks; that the ſaid 20l. be laid out in Yarn.

And, that the ſaid Bed-ticks be made after the beſt manner, your Committee are of opinion, that a Flanders Bed-tick be purchaſed by this Board, and that it lie in the Office as a pattern to compare his Bed-tick by; and whereas the ſaid Atkinſon prays, he may be allowed the premium of 3s. per Bed-tick, for ſuch Bed-ticks as he ſhall make, and propoſes to repay the ſaid 20l. now to be lent him, by letting ſuch premium lie in the hands of this Board, till it ſhall amount to the ſum of 20l. your Committee is of opinion that the ſaid propoſal be complied with.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Goodwin Swift's propoſal, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the propoſal of Goodwin Swift, Merchant, of the ſame date, have met and conſidered the ſame; and whereas we find that the making of Thread-ſtockings, and exporting the ſame, is a branch of Trade which may, if once ſet up, turn much to the advantage of this Kingdom; and whereas ſuch Trade cannot be undertaken without ſome loſs to the exporter, who muſt neceſſarily underſell the foreign Markets, in order to engage people to make uſe of our Stockings for ſome time, till they experience the goodneſs of them, after which time it is to be hoped our Stockings may come into ſo good credit, as to obtain as good a price as any others.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that a premium of 3s. per dozen be allowed to Mr. Swift, for all Thread-ſtockings he ſhall export during three years, to Spain or Portugal, provided the ſaid premium do not exceed 35l. the firſt year, 30l. the ſecond year, and 25l. the third year.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS a complaint has been made to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, by John Finlay, of the City of Dublin, Linen Draper, that he had bought fifty-four pieces of Linen, lapped and ſtamped by William Ruſſell, Lapper, in the County of Down, which Linen he diſpoſed of in London, and upon opening them there, they were found rotten and unmerchantable, as appeared by the oaths of the ſaid John Finlay, and William Fenner of London, taken before Sir Francis Forbes, a Juſtice of Peace for that City, and by other proofs upon oath before the Truſtees; for puniſhment of that offence, and for preventing other Lappers from being guilty of the like, the Truſtees do hereby give notice, that, purſuant to the powers veſted in them by Act of Parliament, they have fined the ſaid Ruſſell in the ſum of 21l. 15s. to repriſe the ſaid Finlay, the damage ſuſtained by him on account of the ſaid Linens; and have ordered the ſaid Ruſſell to give up his Seals, Commiſſion, and Inſtructions, and have ſuperſeded him in his office of Lapper, to the end, that he may not have it in his power hereafter to impoſe on other Dealers.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1724.

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 54l. 5s. to be paid to the ſeveral perſons entitled to the premiums for fine Linens.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22d, 1724.

Edmund Barlow, Itinerant Man for the County of Carlow, having been ſuſpended by the Board, on account of ſeveral complaints againſt him;

The ſaid Barlow, having petitioned the Board to be reſtored, and produced ſeveral Certificates from gentlemen of his good behaviour, he was called in on the ſaid Petition and Certificates, which Certificates the Board had reaſon to ſuſpect were forged; and he being preſſed thereon by the Board, confeſſed the ſame, wherefore the Board have ordered him to be diſmiſſed, and that his ſalary ſhould not be paid.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1724.

A Copy of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Chandois, to Mr. Manley, being communicated to this Board;

RESOLVED, That the following Letter be ſent to Mr. Manley, with patterns of the pieces of Sileſia Linens.

SIR,

We met on purpoſe as ſoon as poſſible to conſider his Grace the Duke of Chandois's Letter to you, in relation to Sileſia Linens, which you were pleaſed to communicate to us.

We intreat you to aſſure his Grace, that we are moſt ſenſibly affected with the care and friendſhip his Grace has ſhewn for this poor Kingdom; and that though the intereſt of this Kingdom were not ſo greatly and immediately concerned, as it is in what his Grace deſires, we ſhould hold ourſelves obliged in gratitude, as well as reſpect for his Grace, to do all that in us lies, to obey his Grace's commands.

But we cannot as yet give any aſſurances how far we can anſwer his Grace's deſires, becauſe all the induſtry, as well as materials for Linen in this Kingdom, are at preſent employed in a quite different ſort of Linen, and it will require ſome time to change and apply part of one and the other, to theſe Sileſias.

We muſt alſo obſerve, that a piece of theſe Sileſia Linens lodged with us ſince laſt year, and ſent by his Grace's order, was but eight yards in length; that the piece you lately ſent us, is eight yards and a half, and of a much better quality, though the price propoſed for each is the ſame, patterns of both which pieces, we herewith ſend you, that of laſt year marked No. I. the other marked No. II. for we ſhould be extremely concerned, if any miſtake or miſunderſtanding ſhould make us diſappoint his Grace's deſires, or forfeit that favour which his Grace has ſo generouſly offered this Kingdom, and which we earneſtly intreat the continuance of, and deſire you would believe us,

Sir,

Your moſt humble Servants.

P. S. We have ſent this propoſal to Drogheda, where we have forty Looms, and, by the anſwer we have from thence, we are in great hopes to be able ſoon to anſwer his Grace's deſires, which we ſhall give you a farther account of.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1724.

Mr. Joſeph Walker of London, Merchant, having returned Affidavits from England, in favour of Mr. James Stevenſon, purſuant to the orders of the 6th of June laſt, and the Board being ſatisfied of the innocence of the ſaid James Stevenſon, and the ill practices of John Nabbs, of London, Merchant,

ORDERED, That the Seals be returned to Mr. James Stevenſon, and that a letter be wrote to him, to aſſure him, that if he will proſecute the ſaid Nabbs, for his ſaid practices, this Board will be at the expence.

ORDERED, That next Thurſday's Committee be deſired to draw up an Advertiſement, ſetting forth the evils attending the practices uſed by John Nabbs, and that this Board will not hear any complaint made againſt any Lapper for ſhortneſs of meaſure, where the Cloth, ſo complained of, has not been meaſured in the preſence of the ſeller.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1724.

The Report of the Committee on the propoſal of Henry Smith, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We are of opinion he be allowed 6l. per cent. per annum for three Years, for ſuch quantities of Boſs as ſhall be made by him, in imitation of the Dutch, and ſhall be vended in this Kingdom, provided ſuch yearly allowance ſo to be paid, do not exceed 40l. in any one year; and that he be likewiſe obliged in his Contract with this Board, to make the ſaid Boſs as good as any which comes from Holland, and ſell ſuch as he ſhall vend in this Kingdom cheaper than the Dutch.

The Report of the Committee, on the Petition of James Moore, and the Memorial of Mr. Forteſcue, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of James Moore of Drogheda, praying encouragement for making a Bleach-yard, and carrying on a Linen Manufacture at Drogheda aforeſaid, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find there has been encouragement given to James

James Needham and John Harpur at Drogheda, for the like undertakings, which Manufacture is now carried on; your Committee is therefore of opinion, that no encouragement ought to be granted him, one Bleach-yard being ſufficient for that Town, for aught that appears to your Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of James Smyth, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of James Smyth, Itinerant Man for the County of Tyrone, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by a Certificate of ſeveral gentlemen of that County, that a Bleach-yard is much wanting in that part of the Country; but as the ſaid Smyth is employed there as Itinerant Man, your Committee conceives it will not be proper to put a Bleach-yard into his hands, unleſs he quit his office of Itinerant Man, ſince it is not to be ſuppoſed he can well attend both.

The Board being informed that, notwithſtanding the encouragement given by this Board to Iſaac Davenport and Joſhua Carleton for making of Boſs in imitation of the Dutch, they ſell the ſaid Boſs at dearer rates than the Dutch is ſold for,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to them, to inform them of the ſaid complaint, and to let them know the Board takes this proceeding very ill, and expects they will lower their prices, ſo as to underſell the foreign markets.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3d, 1724.

ORDERED, That a Break, Scutching-board, Scutching-handle, and Ripling-comb, be provided and given to each of the ſeven Lincolnſhire Flax-dreſſers, ſent for by Mr. Juſtice Coote.

Two Letters from the Duke of Chandois, and a Letter from Mr. John Waple to Mr. Manley, with a piece of Sileſia Linen, fit for the uſe of the African Company, being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That Paul Johnſon be directed to make ſome pieces in imitation of the ſaid piece; and that Mr. Haywood be deſired to make another after the ſame pattern.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ſt, 1724.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a Letter of Thanks to his Grace the Duke of Chandois being read, the ſame was agreed to with ſome amendments, and ſigned, and is as follows:

My LORD,

By ſeveral Letters from your Grace to Mr Manley, relating to ſupplying the African Company with Linen Cloth of the growth and manufacture of this Kingdom, we find ourſelves under the greateſt obligations to your Grace, for your goodneſs therein, and do return our moſt grateful acknowledgments in behalf of ourſelves and the whole Kingdom, which has little or no Manufacture to depend upon but that of the Linen, and ſhall uſe our utmoſt endeavours to get ſuch goods provided, as may deſerve your Grace's farther encouragement and protection.

In order thereunto, we have directed patterns to be made as near as poſſible to the laſt piece given us by Mr. Manley, by which we ſhall be able to judge at what prices they can be afforded, which we are perſuaded will be found reaſonable, and we ſhall take care to tranſmit thoſe patterns to your Grace as ſoon as poſſible.

We are much concerned that the patterns formerly ſent have not anſwered expectation; but we have given ſuch directions to the perſons now employed, and employed ſuch able workmen, that we doubt not but that they will now anſwer. We ſhall uſe our beſt endeavours towards it, and are proud of this opportunity of aſſuring your Grace, that we are with the greateſt reſpect,

Your Grace's moſt humble,

and obedient Servants.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Bryan Magee, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows.

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Bryan Magee, Lapper, in the County of Down, have met and conſidered the ſame; and find, by his Petition, that Thomas Arthur one of his Bail, has got his Seals, and detains them in his hands with intent to have half the profit by them: We alſo find that the ſaid Magee propoſes to enter into a freſh Bond, and give new Security for his performance. Your Committee is of opinion that his requeſt be complied with, and that a Bond be ſent to Hercules Montgomery, Eſq; for him to enter into, and when it be returned perfected, his former Bond be delivered to him.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1724.

The Report of the Committee on the ſtate of the Spinning-ſchools being read, was agreed to with ſome amendments, viz. In the 4th paragraph, the words (except where an Hempen Manufacture conſtantly employing twenty Looms at leaſt, ſhall be allowed and encouraged by this Board), and in the 7th paragraph, (and that the ſaid three Schools be deemed as ſix of the twenty allowed by this Truſt for the whole Kingdom), and is as follows:

1ſt. We the Committee appointed to conſider the ſtate of the Spinning-ſchools in general, of proper regulations for them, and of ſetting up Spinning-ſchools in the City of Dublin, have met at ſeveral times, and conſidered the ſame, and do find that ſince Spinning-ſchools were firſt ſet up, and encouraged by this Truſt till Lady-day 1724, it has already coſt this Truſt on that head, 5652l. 3s. 10½d. and that the annual expence of twenty-ſix Schools which now are, or lately have been ſubſiſting, does amount to the ſum of 956l.

2d. Wherefore your Committee are of opinion, that in conſideration of the great expence, the number of Spinning-ſchools to be allowed and encouraged by this Truſt for the future, ſhould not exceed twenty Schools yearly throughout the whole Kingdom, the expence of which will amount to the yearly charge of 720l. which ſum your Committee thinks is as much as can be allowed on that head.

3d. And that in regard the art of ſpinning has made ſo great a progreſs in the Province of Ulſter, that henceforward there be no more Schools allowed for that Province, except for the County of Fermanagh only, which is ſtill defective in that induſtry, becauſe no Spinning-ſchool has yet been ſet up there.

4th. That no more than two Spinning-ſchools be allowed by this Truſt, at any one time, to any one County, and that for the future, the Schools to be granted and encouraged by this Truſt, be in corporate or market Towns only.

5th. That all Spinning-ſchools to be allowed for the future by this Truſt, do commence on the 25th of March annually,

nually, and at no other time; and that all Propoſals for Spinning-ſchools be made in writing, and preferred to this Truſt, at leaſt three months before that time.

6th. That Quarterly Returns be regularly made for the future, from all Spinning-ſchools, and delivered to the Secretary of this Truſt, within twenty-eight days after the expiration of each Quarter Day, on penalty of loſing the allowance for that Quarter; and if ſuch Quarterly Return be neglected for two Quarters, ſuch School ſhall be ſtruck off.

7th. That three Spinning-ſchools be ſet up in or about the City of Dublin, to be continued from year to year, but not to exceed three years in any one part of the City, two of which for Flax, and one for Hemp.

8th. That each of thoſe Schools be allowed forty Scholars, with two Miſtreſſes, for each of the Flax-ſchools; and that the Undertakers be obliged to ſupply them with Flax, and have the ſame when ſpun for their own advantage.

9th. That for the encouragement of the Undertaker, this Truſt will allow 6l. per annum, for each Miſtreſs, for the two Flax-ſchools, and 1d. per day for each Scholar who ſhall be employed in the ſaid Schools, for the days they work.

10th. That this Truſt do provide Wheels for the ſaid Schools, not exceeding 5l. 5s. per ſcore, Irons included, which Wheels are to be given at the end of the year, to ſuch of the Scholars as the Board ſhall think fit.

11th. That the Hemp-ſchool be on the ſame encouragement with the Flax-ſchools, ſaving only, that the Hemp-ſchool is to be allowed but one Maſter or Miſtreſs, at 6l. per annum, to inſtruct the forty Scholars to be employed in the ſame.

12th. That if this Truſt think proper to ſet up and encourage the Schools in and about Dublin, as propoſed, your Committee recommend Thomas Jolly and Richard Hall, as Undertakers for the Flax-ſchools, and Thos. Boardman for the Hemp-ſchool.

13th. That, in order to make room for theſe Spinning-ſchools, without farther charging your funds on this head, they propoſe, that the Schools which have ſubſiſted three years or more, and are expired, be diſcontinued.

14th. That in order to reduce the Spinning-ſchools to the number of twenty throughout the Kingdom, and in order to bring them all to the Regulations propoſed, the Spinning-ſchools, which are near expired, be diſcontinued as ſoon as they expire, becauſe moſt of them have continued three years, or after having been continued three years, were granted to the ſame perſon for another place, or are more than are deſigned for one County, or are not ſet up in proper places, or have not returned regular quarterly Accompts.

15th. That in order to have a clear ſtate of the Spinning-ſchools, and the arrears on that head, your Committee is of opinion, that Letters be wrote to the ſeveral Undertakers of the Schools now expired, to acquaint them, that they are diſcontinued from the time of their expiration; and to direct the ſeveral Undertakers, to ſend up and cloſe their accounts, if any ſuch there be, to the time they are ſo diſcontinued, which if they do not within twenty-eight days after this notice, that the Truſt think themſelves diſcharged from farther demands on that head; alſo, that like Letters be wrote to the ſeveral Undertakers of the Schools that are to expire, directing them to bring or ſend up their accounts, within twenty-eight days after their expiration, or if they fail therein, the ſame ſhall not be allowed them; and that Letters be wrote to the Undertakers of the Schools that are to be continued, directing them to make up their Accounts to the 25th of December next, whether the ſame be more or leſs than a quarter; and that they bring or ſend up ſuch accounts, within twenty-eight days after the ſaid 25th of December, on penalty of being ſtruck off, and diſcontinued by this truſt.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Letter of Samuel Waring, Eſq; being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that Edward Morris, who proſecuted ſeveral Weavers by directions, for not having ſerved their apprenticeſhips, is now proſecuted by the ſaid Weavers, upon an Action of Damage in one of the Manor Courts in the country, which your Committee has reaſon to believe, is only done out of revenge;

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that Mr. Mathews, Attorney for this Board, be directed to defend ſaid Morris, in the ſaid Proſecution, and that this Board will be at the expence.

Ordered, That Stamps be provided for ſtamping all the Wheels and Reels, and other wooden tools diſtributed by this Board in any of the Counties of this Kingdom; and that one be made for every County.

SATURDAY, December 5th, 1724.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Laurence Steele, Eſq; being read, was agreed to; with this Amendment, that he enter into Bond with Security, and is as follows:

That an Hempen Manufacture be ſet up at Rathbride, in the County of Kildare, at the requeſt, and under the direction of the ſaid Mr. Steele.

That he be under Covenant to provide a Maſter-weaver, Bleacher, and Hatcheller, well ſkilled in their reſpective trades.

Towards providing this Manufacture with Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom, your Committee is of opinion, that forty-four hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed be given this Seaſon to Mr. Steele, to be ſown by himſelf and friends, on their entering into the uſual bonds, to ſow the like quantity for three years; and that ſets of Hemp Hatchells be lent him to dreſs his Hemp with.

We are farther of opinion, that a Clauſe be inſerted in his Articles, that any Officer ſent by this Board, ſhall at all times have free liberty to view and examine his Factory, and make enquiry into his proceedings; and that if any of the perſons employed by him, ſhall be found to be inſufficient workmen, he ſhall be under Articles to turn them off at the inſtance of the Board, and to provide ſufficient workmen to ſupply their room; and that he enter into Bonds of 700l. for the performance of Covenants.

A Form of a Bond to be entered into by the perſons ſowing Flax-ſeed this Seaſon, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

KNOW all Men by theſe Preſents, that of holden and firmly bound unto Chriſtopher Uſher of the City of Dublin, Eſq; Clerk to the Right Honorable and Honorable the Truſtees for improving the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, nominated and appointed purſuant to an Act of Parliament made in this Kingdom, in the ninth year of the reign of her late Majeſty Queen Anne, entitled, An Act to inforce ſuch Acts

Acts as have been made for the improvement of the Linen Manufacture; and for the further regulation of the ſame, in the juſt and full ſum of Sterl. to be paid to the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, or his certain Attorney, Executors or Adminiſtrators; to the which payment, well and truly to be made and done, bind Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, firmly by theſe Preſents. Sealed with Seal and dated this Day 17

The Condition of the above Obligation is ſuch, that if the above bounden ſhall, in the County of in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred ſow the buſhels of Flax-ſeed given to him by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, in Plantation Acres of proper ground, of his own property, and in his own hands, well and ſufficiently ploughed, harrowed and laboured, in a huſband-like mannner; and ſhall alſo, in the ſaid County, in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred ſow Plantation Acres of proper and well laboured ground, of his own property, and in his own hands, with Seed produced by the ſaid Flax-ſeed given as aforeſaid, or with Dutch or Riga Flax-ſeed; and ſhall likewiſe, in the ſaid County, in the year one thouſand, ſeven hundred ſow other Plantation Acres, of proper and well laboured ground, of his own property, and in his own hands, with Seed of the produce of the ſaid land, and the Seed formerly ſown, or Dutch or Riga Flax-ſeed; and ſhall water and dreſs the Flax, and preſerve the Seed produced thereby, in the beſt manner; and on or before the firſt day of Auguſt, in each of the ſaid years, ſhall ſend to the ſaid Truſtees, a Survey of the land ſo ſown, and an Affidavit of the truth thereof; that then the above Obligation to be void, otherwiſe to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

The Duke of Chandois's Letter to His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, being read,

RESOLVED, That 50l. worth of Yarn be purchaſed by this Board, to make an experiment in the making of Sileſia Linens, for ſale to the African Company; and that His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, be deſired to give His Grace the Duke of Chandois, an account of the Reſolutions of this Board.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1724.

RESOLVED, That the Lord Biſhop of Elphin, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Lucas, and Captain Thomas Burgh, be appointed to take on them the care of making an experiment of Linens, in imitation of the Sileſias, purſuant to a Propoſal for thoſe Linens, from his Grace the Duke of Chandois; and that they be impowered to lay out a ſum of money, not exceeding 500l. to be diſpoſed of on this occaſion as they think fit, in order to try this experiment; and that they from time to time lay their Proceedings before the Board.

The Board being informed, that the Right Honorable the Lord Forbes deſigns ſoon to go to London,

RESOLVED, That his Lordſhip be deſired to wait on His Grace the Duke of Chandois, to return him the thanks of this Board, for his concern and good intentions to this Kingdom; and to aſſure His Grace, that this Board is uſing their utmoſt endeavours to anſwer the ends propoſed by him, for ſupplying the African Company with Linens, in imitation of the Sileſias, on the terms propoſed, or, if poſſibly, lower.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Bligh, and the Petitions of Nicholas Smith and John Fitzſimons againſt him, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

It appears to your Committee, from the Affidavit of Matthew Martin of the City of Dublin, Merchant, that Thomas Bligh aforeſaid, at the Fair of Athlone, went through the Fair, forbidding any perſon or perſons, at their peril, to ſell or expoſe to ſale any Yarn, till they had firſt paid him an Engliſh half-crown; and that by the order, and at the requeſt of the ſaid Thomas Bligh, one Michael Frane and Ulick Bourke, did collect and gather, for the uſe of the ſaid Bligh, the ſum of 6l. from the Yarn Merchants in that Fair, to permit them to buy and ſell Yarn unmoleſted.

As your Committee thinks this behaviour of the ſaid Bligh, a moſt unwarrantable proceeding, we cannot think him a proper perſon to be intruſted with a Commiſſion for a Lapper; and as he is now employed in that capacity by this Board, your Committee is of opinion, that his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, be taken from him, but that his Bonds lie in the Office for one year, to be proſecuted, if any miſdemeanour ſhall appear againſt him in his office of Lapper.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1724.

REGULATIONS to be obſerved by thoſe who ſhall ſet up SPINNING-SCHOOLS, on the Encouragement given by the TRUSTEES of the FLAXEN and HEMPEN MANUFACTURES.

1ſt. This Truſt having reſolved, that no Spinning-ſchools be ſet up, but in Corporate or Market-Towns only, any perſon who is deſirous to ſet up a Spinning-ſchool on their encouragement, in any Corporate or Market-Town, ſhall give in a Propoſal in writing, (ſignifying in what County and Town the ſame is to be ſet up) at leaſt three months before each 25th day of March, or the ſame not to be received.

2d. The ſaid School, if granted, ſhall be ſet up on the 25th of March next, after the date of the Order for ſuch School, and on no other day, in order to make all the Schools to begin and end at the ſame time, and the ſeveral quarters on the uſual quarter-days; viz. the 24th of June, the 29th September, the 25th December, and the 25th of March.

3d. The Quarterly Returns are to be regularly made from the ſaid School, and delivered to the Secretary of this Truſt, within twenty-eight days after each Quarter Day, on penalty of loſing the allowance for that Quarter; and if ſuch Returns be neglected for two Quarters, ſuch School ſhall be ſtruck off.

4th. The ſaid School ſhall not be continued for more than one year, without freſh application be made within three months before its expiration, to have it continued, and further order be made thereon.

5th. No School ſhall be continued for more than three years in any one place, or a new School granted to the ſame perſon, for any other place in the ſame County.

6th. The Quarterly Returns ſhall be made in the form printed by this Board; and beſides the Affidavit of the Miſtreſs, and Certificate of two credible Witneſſes thereby required, two Receipts indorſed on the back of the ſaid Returns,

turns, one of the Miſtreſſes acknowledging her having received the allowance deſigned her by the Truſt for that Quarter, and another, of the Parents or Relations of the Children, acknowledging they have been paid the Penny per day, allowed them by the Truſt for that Quarter, and on the laſt Quarter's Account of the Year, a Receipt from the Parents or Relations of the Children, acknowledging that they have received their Wheels on their quitting the School.

7th. If the School be continued by this Truſt for more than one year, new Scholars ſhall be employed in the ſame, for every year the School ſhall be ſo continued.

8th. The Undertakers ſhall be at the charge of providing the Scholars with Wheels, and paying the Miſtreſs and Scholars their allowances, which ſhall be refunded them by this Truſt, at the end of each Quarter, on their ſending up their Quarter's Accounts in the manner before preſcribed.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Regulations be the ſtanding Orders of this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1724—25.

ORDERED, That Mr. Richard Hall be directed to make a model of a Six-poſt Hempen Sail-cloth Loom, to be laid before this Board, together with a Scantling of Timber proper for the ſame.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1724—25.

RESOLVED, That the prices given to the Flax-dreſſers for the future, be reduced from 1s. 6d. per ſtone, for breaking and ſwingling Flax, to 1s. 2d. per ſtone; and for hatchelling Flax, to five dozen in the pound and under, from 8d. to 7d.

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to the ſeveral Itinerant Men, to acquaint them of the above Reſolution.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1724—25.

The prices to be demanded by the Flax-men employed by this Board, for all Flax they ſhall dreſs, being in ſome meaſure ſettled at the laſt Board,

RESOLVED, That it be a farther Inſtruction to them, that they ſhall not take or demand, more than 10d. per ſtone, for hatchelling Flax to ſpin from ſix dozen to ten dozen in the pound; and that they acquaint all perſons who ſhall employ them, with the prices ſettled by this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1724—25.

The Report from the Committee on the Memorial of the Lord Viſcount Duncannon, being read,

ORDERED, That the Clerk ſend the Lord Viſcount Duncannon, a Copy of the Regulations for the Spinning-ſchools, and acquaint him with the following Reſolutions: As to the encouragement he deſires for making a Bleach-yard and building a Buck-houſe, as the Board has in a great meaſure laid aſide the cuſtom of encouraging the making Bleach-yards and building Buck-houſes, (for as much as expenſive Bleach-yards and Buck-houſes, do the buſineſs no better than thoſe that coſt leſs) we are of opinion, to avoid any farther precedents of that kind, that no encouragement be given on that head.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1724—25.

Several Complaints being made againſt Thomas Blyth, and he having refuſed to deliver up his Seals, and having abſconded,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to his Security, to inform them, that the ſaid Blyth is run away, and to direct them to procure his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1724—25.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Waring's Letter, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

As to that part of his Letter relating to the reſcue of Yarn from one of the Inſpectors at Comber, we find, that if ſuch practices be ſuffered, the Linen Trade will never be brought to the perfection deſired.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that Letters be wrote to the Lord Mount Alexander, Henry Maxwell, Simon Iſaac, and John Iſaac, Eſqrs. deſiring they may countenance the Inſpectors of the Markets, in ſeizing unſtatutable Yarn at the Markets or Fairs at Comber; and that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Waring, informing him that ſuch Letters are wrote, and deſiring he may direct the ſame Inſpectors, to go under thoſe gentlemen's protection, to make ſuch ſeizures of unſtatutable Yarn, at the Market of Comber, as by Law are allowed; and that the ſaid Inſpector be directed to give in Examinations againſt the late Rioters at Comber to Mr. Waring, and proſecute them at the next Aſſizes, and that the Board will be at the expence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th, 1724—25.

RESOLVED, That Arthur Labran be removed from Wexford, and that he be appointed Itinerant Man for the County of Roſcommon, to commence from the 25th of this Inſtant, and that he reſide at Elphin.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Juſtice Coote be deſired to inſpect the Markets in the Counties of Cavan, Louth, and Monaghan, and employ ſuch perſons for that purpoſe, and at ſuch allowances as he ſhall think fit, provided it do not exceed 6l. per annum in the whole.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th, 1724—25.

ORDERED, That directions be given to the ſeveral Undertakers for making the Wheels and Reels for the ſeveral Counties, to hire ſome convenient place at the towns where they are to be delivered, for lodging the ſaid Wheels and Reels till they ſhall be taken away, for which this Board will pay.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on William Holmes's Petition and Account of his Flax and Yarn-ſhop at Dungannon, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We are of opinion, that no allowance be paid him, till he make affidavit, that the prices he took for his Flaxen Yarn, delivered out on credit, was as low as what he ſold in that country for ready money; and alſo, that he had the ſum of 242l. 1s. 5d. ſtock, at one time in his ſaid Shop.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29th, 1725.

Several Affidavits being read, giving information of a riot deſigned to be made in the Bleach-yard at Drumcondra, on Friday and Saturday next,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher wait on Mr. Hawkins, and deſire him to get ſome other Juſtice of the Peace to join

with him in iſſuing their Warrant to the Sheriff, directing him to ſee the peace kept at Drumcondra aforeſaid.

RESOLVED, That this Board will give all due encouragement for the ſetting up a Cordage Manufacture, to be employed in Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, MAY 1ſt, 1725.

An Advertiſement for the encouragement of the Cordage Manufacture, being laid before the Board, purſuant to the laſt orders, was agreed to, and is as follows:

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture are deſirous to promote and encourage the making Cordage of Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom,

This is therefore to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees are ready to receive Propoſals for that purpoſe, and will give all reaſonable encouragement for promoting and carrying on that Manufacture; and all perſons who are willing to undertake the ſame, are deſired to give in their Propoſals to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, at their Office in the Caſtle of Dublin.

The Petition of Bryan Kiernan, being read, complaining of George Heaton, Lapper in the County of Monaghan, for having lapped a piece of Cloth which was rowed and unmerchantable,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Heaton, directing him to make reparation to the ſaid Kiernan, otherwiſe his Seals ſhall be taken from him, and his Bonds put in ſuit.

The Petition of Faghney Farrell, being read, complaining of James Hill, Lapper in the County of Antrim, for having lapped a piece of Cloth that was 6d. per yard worſe in the inſide, than in the Lap-yard,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Hill, directing him to make reparation to the ſaid Farrell, for the loſs he has ſuſtained by the ſaid Cloth; and to give up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to Mr. Spencer, who certified for him.

Hugh Harbinſon having laid before the Board, a Certificate ſigned by Faghny Farrell, acknowledging that he had received ſatisfaction from the ſaid Harbinſon, for the piece of Cloth by him complained of,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Stewart Blackart, Eſq; deſiring he may return the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to the ſaid Harbinſon, which were taken from him by the orders of this Board.

A Petition of Adam Ewart of Drogheda, praying, that a Stamp may be granted him for his Dowlaſs, and an Order for an Officer to view it, and praying the premium for the ſame, was preſented to the Board and read, and referred to the next Committee.

SATURDAY, MAY 8th, 1725.

RESOLVED, That the Lord Tullamore and the Rev. Mr. La Placett, be appointed for the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels in the King's County, in the room of Mr. Plunkett, who does not reſide in the County, and Mr. George Holmes, who is the Contractor for making the Wheels.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher wait on William Hawkins, Eſq; and requeſt the favour of him, that he will, from time to time, view and value ſuch tools as ſhall be purchaſed by this Board, and delivered in for their uſe; and at all ſuch times, give his opinion thereof under his hand to this Board.

SATURDAY, MAY 15th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Adam Ewart, being read,

RESOLVED, That Thomas Jolly be directed to go to Drogheda, and view the Dowlaſs made by the ſaid Ewart, and if he approve thereof, on affidavit made, that the quantity Ewart has exported, and for which he demands a premium, was as good as the twelve pieces he now has to export, that he be paid the premium due thereon.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hartwell be directed to make a Stamp for Mr. Ewart as he deſires.

Mr. Hawkins having laid before the Board a new pattern of a Spinning-wheel,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher pay for the ſaid Wheel; and that Mr. Hawkins be deſired to employ Sarah Eaſon, to ſpin ſome ſamples of coarſe and fine Yarn therewith, and make his Report of the uſe and advantages of this ſort of Wheel, which ſhould give it the preference to the common ſort.

SATURDAY, MAY 22d, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Robert Cauzier, was read, and agreed to, with this Amendment: That the money be lent him, on his entering into ſuch Contract as ſhall be approved of by this Board, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Robert Cauzier, of Ring's-end, Rope-maker, deſiring encouragement for making Ropes, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that 200l. be lent him on his entering into contract, with good ſecurity, to work up annually, during ſeven years, from Chriſtmas 1725, in making of Cordage, forty tons of Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom, as alſo obliging himſelf to return the ſaid 200l. ſo lent him, at the expiration of the ſaid ſeven years.

ORDERED, That the Lord Biſhop of Elphin, Mr. Hamilton, Sir Thomas Taylor, Mr. Hill, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Thomas Burgh, Mr Lucas, and Mr. Clements, or any three of them, be a Committee to view the Linen Hall, and examine the work done there, and report to this Board, whether juſtice be done to the Public therein, and that the ſaid Committee meet on Monday next, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1ſt, 1725.

Mr. Steele having informed the Board, that the Seed ſent him from Limerick, and purchaſed by this Board, had failed,

RESOLVED, That no money be paid for the ſaid Seed, to the perſons from whom it was bought, nor to any other perſon from whom Seed has been purchaſed, till the Board be ſatisfied of the goodneſs thereof.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1725.

As it is a ſtanding Order of this Board, that the Reports of Committees be firſt proceeded on,

RESOLVED, That after reading ſuch Reports, the next thing to be proceeded on, be all Complaints againſt Lappers, or againſt any Officers employed by this Board, and that this be a ſtanding Order of this Board.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, June 12th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Mr. Monſell, being read, is as follows:

He alleges in his Memorial, that by the miſmanagement of James Gornal, Itinerant Man for the County of Limerick, whom he was directed by the Board to make uſe of, he loſt four tons of Hemp by overwatering it. What allowance this Board will make to Mr. Monſell, for the Hemp ſpoiled by Gornal's miſmanagemenr, is ſubmitted to the conſideration of this Board.

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to James Gornall, informing him of the Complaint made againſt him by Mr. Monſell, wherein he is charged with damaging four tons of his Hemp, by overwatering it, and directing him to give the Board an account of his proceedings in that matter.

SATURDAY, June 19th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on William Duffin's Anſwer to the Complaint made againſt him by Faghney Farrel, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Duffin's Anſwer to a Complaint made againſt him by Faghney Farrel, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that he has made reparation to the ſaid Farrel, for the damage he ſuſtained by a piece of Cloth laid before the Board, ſtamped by the ſaid Duffin. We farther find, that he prays to be reſtored to his office of Lapper, and to be reſtored to his Seals.

Your Committee find, that there was a Complaint made againſt him, and his Seals taken from him, and on his application, and making reparation for the damage, his Seals were reſtored to him; but though he has made reparation for this fault, yet as the piece of Cloth complained of was very faulty, and that this is the ſecond Complaint made againſt him, we are of opinion, that his Seals ſhall not be reſtored to him.

The Memorial of Richard Hall, of this date, being read, ſetting forth, that he has for ſome time paſt, employed one William Falkner, a ſoldier in Colonel Newton's regiment, and Captain Fountain's company, to dreſs his Flax; and that as the company is now going to march, the ſaid Falkner will be no longer ſerviceable that way, and deſiring, (as he may be of great ſervice to the country, if taken out of the army, being an excellent workman) that the Board would give 5l. to get him diſcharged.

Resolved, That this Board will give the ſum of 3l. towards his being diſcharged, on Mr. Hall's giving ſecurity, that the ſaid Falkner ſhall continue four years in dreſſing and raiſing Flax at Drumcondra, or ſuch other part of this Kingdom as this Board ſhall direct.

TUESDAY, June 22d, 1725.

Resolved, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that all the Sail-cloth made at the Manufactures ſet up or encouraged by this Board, be obliged to ſtamp their Cloths with the name of the place where ſuch Cloth is made, that the Cloths made at the ſeveral Manufactures may be diſtinguiſhed from one another.

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher give notice of this Order to the ſeveral Manufacturers encouraged by this Board.

Whereas there is a ſmall parcel of Flax, that was imported by Mr. Caſper White from Poland, by the directions of this Board, in order to ſee the difference between the foreign and native Flax, which Flax is now lying in the Stores, and is of no farther uſe,

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher give the ſame to Mr Jolly for the uſe of his Spinning-ſchool, reſerving a ſmall part for a ſample of that ſort of Flax.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall be directed to make a draft of a good ſubſtantial Sail-cloth-loom, and give in a bill of ſcantling of the timber proper for it, together with an eſtimate of the charge thereof, to be laid before the next Board.

A Pattern for a Cheque Reel, to be made for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, being laid before the Board, was approved of, with this Amendment, that one of the ſpokes be made to let down with a joint, and that the handle be fixed on with a ſcrew.

SATURDAY, June 26th, 1725.

Resolved, That all the perſons ſet down for the diſtribution of Wheels and Reels in the ſeveral Counties, be deſired to acquaint the perſons to whom they diſtribute them, that if they ſhall ſell any ſuch Wheel or Reel, the ſame will be ſeized.

Resolved, That for the future, when any Juſtice of Peace ſhall return a Certificate, recommending any perſon to be a public Lapper, he alſo certify, that there is occaſion for a Lapper in that part of the country.

Ordered, That Thomas Jolly be directed to provide a Plan of a Linen-loom, together with a Bill of the ſcantling of ſuch Loom, and an Eſtimate of the charge of making of it.

SATURDAY, July 24th, 1725.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Richard Hall's Plan of a ſix poſted Sail-cloth-loom, together with his Eſtimate of the charge thereof, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that Mr. Hall be directed to buy Timber for the making ſuch a Loom, to be a pattern for others to be made by, and that when the ſame is finiſhed, he lay before this Board an account of the charge thereof; but we are of opinion, that the ſoles of the Loom be made of a larger ſcantling than what Mr. Hall propoſes in his Plan.

Ordered, That Richard Hall provide a Sail-cloth-loom purſuant to the above Report.

The Memorial of Joſhua Carleton, being read, ſetting forth, that he had received a Warrant on the Treaſury from this Board, for 52l. 16s. 2d. which he had lodged there, as uſual, but had not received payment for the ſame,

Ordered, That the Form of a Memorial to His Excellency the Lord Carteret, ſetting forth the ſaid Complaint, be prepared to be laid before the next Board for their approbation.

SATURDAY, August 7th, 1725

The Report of the Committee on Thomas Jolly's Plan and Eſtimate of a Linen Loom, being read,

Ordered, That Jolly take the ſaid Plan and amend it, by returning a Plan and Eſtimate of a ſix poſted Linen-loom.

Resolved, That this Board will provide a number of Spinning-wheels and Reels, for the Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, on application from them; and that ſuch applications be referred to a Committee, as they ſhall

come in, to determine what number will be proper to be given to ſuch County of City, or County of Town, as ſhall apply.

A Memorial to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on the Petition of Joſhua Carleton, being laid before the Board, was ſigned, and is as follows:

To his Excellency JOHN LORD CARTERET, LORD LIEUTENANT of IRELAND.

The *Memorial* of the *Truſtees* of the *Linen Manufacture*,

Sheweth,

That on the 8th of May laſt, your Memorialiſts iſſued their Warrant, directed to His Majeſty's Vice-Treaſurers or their Deputy, for 52l. 16s. 2d. payable to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; our Clerk, to be by him paid over to Joſhua Carleton.

That the ſaid Warrant was by our Clerk endorſed to Joſhua Carleton, who lodged the ſame in the Treaſury, to be ſtated by Thomas Wilſon, one of the Clerks; and took the ſaid Wilſon's Memorandum of the ſaid Warrant, to carry to the late Deputy Vice-Treaſurer, in order to have payment made of the ſaid Warrant, which was the method of the Office at that time.

That payment of the ſaid Warrant has oftentimes been demanded, but could never be obtained, though the Warrant be paſſed in accompt by the Vice-Treaſurers or their Deputy, all which may more at large appear, by the ſaid Carleton's Petition.

Your Memorialiſts therefore humbly beg Your Excellency will take ſuch meaſures for procuring payment of the ſaid money, as Your Excellency in your great wiſdom ſhall think fit.

RESOLVED, That His Grace the Lord Primate, His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, and the Lord Newtown, be deſired to preſent the ſaid Memorial to His Excellency.

The Petition of Martha Tenant being read, complaining of Joſeph Wight, Lapper in the County of Antrim, for having lapped and ſtamped ſeven pieces of Linen, which were worſe by 2d. or 3d. per yard in the inſide, than in the lap-yard,

ORDERED, That Thomas Jolly examine the ſaid Cloths, and mark where they are faulty, and make his Report thereon to this Board.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1725.

His Grace the Lord Primate reported, that, purſuant to the deſire of this Board, at their laſt meeting, He and the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, and the Lord Newtown, had waited on his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, with the Memorial of this Board in favour of Joſhua Carleton; and that His Excellency had promiſed, to uſe his beſt endeavours to procure payment of the money due to the ſaid Joſhua Carleton, on the Warrant of this Board.

The Petition of James Smith, Itinerant Man for the County of Tyrone, being read, praying encouragement for ſetting up a Manufacture at Strabane,

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that James Smith will be of more ſervice to the country, in the capacity of an Itinerant Hemp and Flax-Man, than by ſetting up a Manufacture, and therefore that his requeſt cannot be complied with.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ſt, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. James Hamilton Maxwell's Propoſal being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Propoſals of Mr. James Hamilton Maxwell, for ſetting up a Bleach-yard at Drumbegg, in the County of Down, and to give our opinion, how the Bleaching of this Kingdom may be improved, have met, and are of opinion, that the beſt method that can be taken for the improvement of the Bleaching of this Kingdom, will be, to bring over Bleachers from Holland, who have followed that buſineſs there, and are well ſkilled therein: We are therefore of opinion, if Mr. Maxwell will enter into Articles to make a Bleach-yard and build a Buck-houſe, and provide the ſame with the utenſils mentioned in the Plan hereunto annexed, and alſo bring over from Holland, a Bleacher well ſkilled in the Dutch methods of bleaching, who ſhall bleach after the beſt manner uſed at Harlem, and ſhall bring ſuch Cloths as he ſhall bleach, to as good a colour as thoſe whitened in Holland, and ſhall be under contract to ſtay in this Kingdom for three years, and follow the ſaid trade, and inſtruct three apprentices in the beſt methods of bleaching uſed in Holland, that then Mr. Maxwell be allowed the ſum of 40l. per annum for three years, as wages for the ſaid Bleacher; but we are farther of opinion, that after the ſaid three years, he the ſaid Mr. Maxwell be obliged to carry on the Bleaching Trade, after the Dutch manner, for ſeven years, at his own expence, without any farther encouragement from this Board.

Your Committee is likewiſe of opinion, that Mr. Maxwell be obliged to ſend ſome pieces of his bleaching, every year during the firſt three years, to be laid before this Board.

A Letter from Meſſ. John and Anthony Graves of Waterford, propoſing to make the Wheels and Reels for ſeveral Counties in the South of Ireland, being read, was referred to a Committee.

RESOLVED, That the Committee which ſhall meet on Thurſday morning, be deſired to view Michael Bilby's engine for the winding of Yarn, and that they make their Report thereon, when they make their Report on his Petition.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1725.

Whereas the Engine invented by Mr. Bilby, for the winding of Yarn, will be of great uſe to the Linen Trade, and a means to render that commodity cheap,

RESOLVED, That if Mr. Bilby will permit all perſons who are deſirous to have ſuch an engine, to view the ſame, and to take models thereof, that he be paid the ſum of 40l. for his ſaid invention, when the fund of this Board can bear it.

ORDERED, That Thomas Jolly be directed to take a model of the ſaid engine, and that when it ſhall be finiſhed, an Advertiſement be publiſhed, informing the Public, that he has ſuch a model, and that he is willing to communicate it for the advantage of the trade.

The Propoſals of Thomas Rafter, for making the Wheels and Reels for the County of Wicklow, being read,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to him, to inform him, that if he will agree to leave part of the Wheels at Baltinglaſs, and part at Wicklow, this Board will accept of him for the Undertaker.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1725.

A Complaint being made by Patrick Murry againſt one John Brown, for reſcuing ſome Cloth by him ſeized, for being ſold four days before the Fair,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Letter be ſent to Oliver Anketell, Eſq; and that he be deſired to take the ſaid Murry's Examinations on the matter, and to return them to this Board.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1725.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Juſtice Coote, Mr. Waring, and Mr. Lucas, be a Committee to conſider the Acts now in force, relating to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, and report wherein they are defective, and how they may beſt be amended.

RESOLVED, That for the future, this Board will not give Hatchels to any perſon who is able to buy them; but that if any one has occaſion for them, this Board will diſpoſe of them at the ſame rates they give for them.

A Letter from John and Anthony Graves, being read, wherein they refuſe to undertake to make the Wheels and Reels for the ſeveral Counties for which they propoſed, if they are to be delivered at the ſeveral County Towns, and propoſing to deliver them at Waterford,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to them, to let them know, that their Propoſal is contrary to the Rules of the Board; but that if they are willing to undertake the making of the Wheels and Reels for the County of Waterford, and deliver them there, that this Board will contract with them.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1725.

The Petition of Richard Holden of Waringſtown, in the County of Down, Lapper, being read, praying ſome encouragement for the invention of an Engine for meaſuring of Linen Cloth, and diſcovering the faults therein, and the ſaid Engine being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 10l. to be paid to the ſaid Richard Holden, for his encouragement on his leaving the Engine in the Office for a Pattern.

The Petition of Alexander Chriſty, being read, complaining of George Wright, Lapper in the County of Armagh, for ſtamping a piece of Linen Cloth, which had bad ſelvidges, and was full of holes,

ORDERED, That George Wright be directed to give up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to Henry O'Hara, Eſq; who certified for him; and attend at the Office this day fortnight, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint.

RESOLVED, That this Board will, at Michaelmas next, ſend an Officer round the Kingdom, to view the Wheels and Reels made by the ſeveral Contractors, in order to make a Report of their goodneſs, and to ſtamp ſuch as he ſhall find ſufficient.

RESOLVED, That His Grace the Lord Primate, the Biſhop of Elphin, Lord Ferrard, the Lord Newtown, the Lord Forbes, Sir Ralph Gore, Dr. Coghill, Sir Thomas Taylor, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Waring, or any three of them, be a Committee to eſtimate what the annual income of this Board may be; and to lay before them their thoughts, in what manner the ſame may be beſt diſpoſed of, to range the ſame under proper heads, and to apportion the ſaid income to the uſes deſigned; and that they meet on Friday next, and adjourn from time to time, as they ſhall ſee convenient, and that all Members who come, have votes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ſt, 1725.

ORDERED, That for the future, a Committee be ſummoned to meet the firſt Monday in every July, to paſs the Accounts of this Board.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1725.

Joſeph Wight having attended the Board purſuant to orders, and not having juſtified himſelf to their ſatisfaction,

ORDERED, That he be diſcharged from his office of Lapper; and that Mr. James Hamilton be deſired to return his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to the Board, by the firſt opportunity.

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be printed in the ſeveral News-papers, ſetting forth, that the ſaid Wight having miſbehaved himſelf in his office, paid the ſum of 6l. for his ſaid offence, and that he is diſcharged from his office of Lapper.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2d, 1725.

The Board being informed, that James Smith, Itinerant Man for the County of Tyrone, does not underſtand much of his buſineſs, and as there are two Itinerant Men for the County of Mayo, who both reſide at Newport, and the Board being of opinion, that one Itinerant Man will be ſufficient for that place,

RESOLVED, That James Smith, Itinerant Man for the County of Tyrone, and William Harding, one of the Itinerant Men for the County of Mayo, be diſcharged from the ſervice of this Board.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1725.

The Board having taken into conſideration the Liſt of their Itinerant Men, and being of opinion, that George Portis of Belfaſt, is not of much ſervice in that Port,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board, and that he be acquainted therewith.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Monſell's Papers, in relation to the Hemp ſpoiled by James Gornall, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee do not think it reaſonable, he ſhould have any allowance for it by this Board; but that if Gornall has done him any wrong, he may ſue him for it.

The Report of the Committee on Col. Carleton's Letter to Mr. Hoare, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider a Letter of Col. Carleton's to Mr. Hoare, complaining of Michael Scrutton, Itinerant Man for the County of Tipperary, and deſiring four Looms for weaving Linen Cloth, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that enquiry be made into the abilities of the ſaid Scrutton, and if he be not capable to diſcharge the truſt repoſed in him as Itinerant Man, he be diſcharged his office; we are likewiſe of opinion, that in conſideration of the Linen Manufactures being but beginning in the County of Tipperary, and

and of Mr. Carleton's Expence in promoting the ſame, that four Looms be lent him.

The Memorial of John Harris, of Mountrath, in the Queen's-County, propoſing to make Soft or Black Soap, being read,

ORDERED, That it be referred to the next Committee.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1725.

Henry Talbot, Eſq; attending and being called in, and having informed the Board, that he had not yet received a pattern of a Reel to be made, the ſame was brought out of the ſtores, and given him.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1725.

RESOLVED, That Berkly Taylor, Eſq; be deſired to provide the Wheels and Reels for the County of Limerick, and that he conſult with the gentlemen ſet down for the diſtribution of them, what number of the Wheels ſhall be for Hemp, and what for Flax, but that they be provided at the rates agreed on by this Board.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1725.

The Report of the Committee on proper Inſtructions to be given to the gentlemen who are to diſtribute the Wheels and Reels, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider what Inſtructions may be proper to be given to the gentlemen of the country, in the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels directed to be made by this Board, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that when the Wheels and Reels ſhall be provided, and that the Board has notice of the time of delivery, letters be wrote to the ſeveral gentlemen ſet down for the diſtribution of them, in the annexed form; and as your Committee are of opinion, that the ſeveral perſons to whom the Wheels and Reels ſhall be lent, ſhould give Bonds for returning the ſame when demanded, and obliging themſelves to make and reel their Yarn according to the Statutes, we are of opinion, that Bonds in the annexed form, ſhould be ſent down along with ſuch letter, to be perfected by the perſons receiving the Wheels and Reels from the gentlemen appointed to diſtribute the ſame.

SIR,

The Spinning-Wheels and Reels, ordered by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture to be made for your County, being now finiſhed and ſtamped with their Seal, and the ſame being to be delivered at on the day of you are deſired to order ſome one to receive your proportion of them, there being of each; and it is deſired, you may give a Receipt for them, that the Board may be ſatisfied you have received them.

In the delivering out of the Wheels, you are deſired to diſtribute or lend the Wheels, to ſuch poor women, whether old or young, as you are well aſſured are not able to buy a Wheel, but are able and willing to ſpin, firſt obliging each of them, and the ableſt friend ſhe can procure, to be bound for her, to perfect one of the Penal Bills ſent you herewith.

You are alſo deſired, to diſtribute or lend the Cheque Reels to ſuch perſons as you judge moſt proper, taking care that only one be given in a diſtrict of about ſix families; and make each of them, with a reſponſible man, perfect one of the Penal Bills ſent you herewith.

When all the Wheels and Reels are diſtributed, you are deſired to return the Penal Bills to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen-Office in the Caſtle of Dublin.

This Bill bindeth us both in the County of and either of us, our and either of our Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, to pay to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; Clerk of the Truſtees of the Linen Manufactures, the ſum of 10s. on demand. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this Day of 172 on condition, that if the ſaid her Executors and Adminiſtrators, ſhall deliver to the ſaid Truſtees, or any perſon they ſhall appoint, the Spinning-Wheel now lent by them unto her, in good order, if demanded, and reel all Yarn ſhe ſhall make into Hanks, that ſhall be one yard and a quarter in length, and ſhall conſiſt of twelve Cuts, each Cut being one hundred and twenty Threads, then the above Bill to be void.—The like Bond for a Reel.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Stephen Butler, for his trouble in attending the Markets in the County of Donegall, being read,

RESOLVED, That the ſum of 30l. be given to Stephen Butler for his ſervices, but that he be informed, that the Board expects the continuance of his ſervices till May next, but that from that time, he is to expect no farther allowance from this Board.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to the Juſtices of the Peace, and Grand Jury of the County of Donegall, to inform them, that as this Board have, on their recommendation, given the ſaid Butler very conſiderable rewards for his ſervices, we hope, that, for the future, they will take care of him, by rewarding his ſervices, and not let him be a conſtant charge to this Board.

The Report of the Committee on the diſpoſal of the Flax and Hemp-ſeed, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We are of opinion, one hundred and fourteen hogſheads ſhould be purchaſed; but as Mr. Ievers propoſes to ſell twenty hogſheads, and Mr. Monſell forty hogſheads, and that there have heretofore ariſen ſome diſputes between thoſe gentlemen and the Board, as to the contents of an hogſhead of Seed, and that the Board is obliged to take their Seed, or ſome part thereof, off their hands, your Committee are of opinion, that letters be wrote to them, deſiring to know, how many buſhels of Hemp-ſeed they have to ſell, at 5s. per buſhel, and that they be deſired to return their anſwer on or before the 10th of next month.

ORDERED, That the following Advertiſement be printed in the News-papers:

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture have ordered five hundred hogtheads of foreign Flax-ſeed to be imported for the ſervice of the enſuing ſeaſon; this is to give notice, that the Truſtees will give out the ſaid Seed to ſuch perſons as are inclined to ſow the ſame, on the following terms:

1ſt. The Truſtees will contract with any perſon for ſowing two acres and a half of land, plantation meaſure, with Flax-ſeed, this ſeaſon, and allow two hogſheads of Seed for ſowing the ſame, and a ſufficient quantity of Seed for ſowing any larger quantity of land, but will not contract

contract for any leſs quantity, than two acres and a half.

2d. The perſon receiving the ſeed, is to enter into a penal Bill of double the value of the ſeed, to ſow the like quantity of ground for two years after the firſt ſowing with the produce ſeed, or other Foreign ſeed in lieu thereof, and to return a ſurvey and affidavit of the ground ſo ſown every year to the Board.

3d. Any perſons who have a mind to undertake the ſowing the ſaid ſeed on the above terms, are deſired to ſend up their propoſals to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen Office, in the Caſtle of Dublin, on or before the 10th of February next; after which time, no propoſal will be received.

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Juſtice Coote, deſiring he may diſtribute the Wheels and Reels ordered for him in the County of Monaghan, in the Barony of Harney; and that the like Letter be wrote to John Barlow, Eſq; deſiring he may diſtribute the proportion of Wheels ordered him, in the Barony of Trugh; and that the like Letter be wrote to Hugh Willoughby, Eſq; deſiring he may diſtribute the Wheels ordered him, in the Barony of Dartry.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1725—26.

Whereas by the Reſolutions of this Board, a Spinning-ſchool was granted to Theophilus Clements, Eſq; to be ſet up at Cavan, in the County of Cavan; and whereas it is againſt the ſtanding Orders of this Board, to ſet up any Spinning-ſchools in Ulſter,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid School be ſtruck off the liſt of Spinning-ſchools.

William Forward, Eſq; who was ſet down for the diſpoſal of ſome of the Wheels and Reels deſigned for the County of Donegal, having left this Kingdom,

RESOLVED, That the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of Raphoe, be appointed in his room, for the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels, he was to diſpoſe of in that County.

William Hodge, Eſq; who was ſet down for the diſpoſal of ſome of the Wheels and Reels deſigned for the County of Limerick, being ſince dead,

RESOLVED, That Richard Taylor, Eſq; be appointed in his room, for the diſtribution of the Wheels and Reels he was to diſpoſe of in that County.

Whereas by an order of the 22d of December laſt, Berkley Taylor, Eſq; was deſired to provide the Wheels and Reels for the County of Limerick, but that he was to provide them at the rates agreed on by this Board; and whereas he at that time propoſed, that the gentlemen of that County, who were ſet down for the diſtribution of the ſaid Wheels and Reels, ſhould pay out of their own pockets, whatever ſum, or ſums of money, ſhould be neceſſary for the purchaſe of the ſaid Wheels and Reels, over and above what is allowed by the Board,

RESOLVED, That if any of the perſons ſet down, for the diſtribution of the ſaid Wheels and Reels, ſhall refuſe to pay ſuch ſum, or ſums of money, as ſhall be found neceſſary for purchaſing the Wheels and Reels, he, or they are to diſtribute, over and above the money allowed by this Board; the Wheels which were to have been diſtributed by ſuch perſon, or perſons, ſhall be diſtributed by the other gentlemen, who are ſet down for that County, and who will pay the money.

Whereas the late Lord Viſcount Duncannon was ſet down for the diſtribution of twenty Wheels, and twenty Reels, deſigned for the County of Kilkenny; and the preſent Lord Duncannon, was ſet down for the diſtribution of the like quantity in the County of Kildare; and as it is againſt the rules of this Board, that one perſon ſhould have the diſtribution of ſuch a number,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the Lord Viſcount Duncannon, to let him know, that as it may be more for the ſervice of his new Factory in the County of Kilkenny to have the diſpoſal of the Wheels and Reels in that County, inſtead of thoſe in the County of Kildare; this Board is willing to let him have the diſpoſal of thoſe in the County of Kilkenny, in lieu of thoſe in the County of Kildare.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1725—26.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Laurence Steel, Eſq; being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Laurence Steel, Eſq; have met and conſidered the ſame; and find, that he deſires ſome gratuity for his having invented a Mill, for the breaking and ſcutching of Hemp.

As your Committee is not fully appriſed what ſort of Engine it is, or of what benefit it may be to the public, we are of opinion that Meſſrs. Hall and Jolly be ſent down to view the Engine, to make a model thereof, together with an eſtimate of the charge of making it; but we are of opinion, that the conſideration of what encouragement may be proper to be given to him, for his ſaid invention, be deferred till others be ſet up in the Kingdom, and their uſe approved of.

A Letter from John Smyth, Loom-maker, at Waterford, in anſwer to one wrote to him, being read, and propoſing therein to make Mr. Steel's Sail Cloth Looms, at 16s. per Loom, if the timber be ready provided for him, and a place to work it in,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to him, to inform him, that this Board will accept of his propoſals; and that when the timber is ready, he ſhall have notice thereof.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Looms be made in the Lodge belonging to the Linen-Hall.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1725—26.

ORDERED, That Thomas Jolly be directed (when he has viewed the Mill, erected by Mr. Steel, for the breaking and ſcutching of Hemp), to go to Catherlough, and view the Wheels and Reels made there by Thomas Rafter, for the Counties of Catherlough and Wicklow; and that he brand ſuch Wheels and Reels as he ſhall find ſufficient, and make a return thereof to this Board.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1725—26.

RESOLVED, That the clauſe, obliging the Contractors to ſell their Hemp, as cheap as Foreign Hemp ſhall ſell for in the City of Dublin, be ſtruck out of the Hemp Bond.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Richard Hall, in behalf of the Widow and Son of Hendrick Beane, deceaſed, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We find that Hendrick Beane was brought over from Holland, by the ſaid Mr. Hall, to be Maſter-Bleacher, in his

his Bleach-yard; we find on examining the accounts of the ſaid Hall, between him and the ſaid Beane, and allowing for his funeral expences, the balance due from Mr. Hall to the executors of the ſaid Beane, amounts to but 6½d. Your Committee find, that the ſaid Beane has left behind him a Son in this Kingdom, and a Widow in Holland; and as it may be of great ſervice to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, to give ſome gratuity to the family of the deceaſed, which may be an encouragement to others to come over and ſettle here, and at the ſame time to ſatisfy the family of the deceaſed, that juſtice has been done to them,

Your Committee are of opinion that the ſum of 2l. 6s. be given to the Son of the deceaſed, in order to carry him over to Holland, to his mother; and that the ſum of 100 Guilders be paid to the Widow, as a gratuity for her huſband's ſervices here; and that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Goddard, in Holland, deſiring he may pay her the ſaid 100 Guilders, and draw on the Board for the value.

SATURDAY, March 12th, 1725—26.

The Report of the Committee on the accounts of William Stewart, of his inſpection into the Bleach-yards in the County of Antrim, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We find that William Stewart, was by order continued at his former ſalary to Michaelmas laſt, and that it be conſidered whether he ſhould be continued at the ſame ſalary or not; as your Committee apprehends, that the evil practice of bleaching with Lime is pretty well ſuppreſſed in that County, we do not ſee any reaſon for his being farther continued.

SATURDAY, March 26th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee on the petition of James Smyth, deſiring the premium for Dowlaſs, by him made at Moyvore, was read, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of James Smyth, of Moyvore, in the County of Weſtmeath, praying the encouragement due to him for Dowlaſs, and praying an advancement of 40l. which will become due at Michaelmas next, have met and conſidered the ſame, and directed Mr. Jolly, to go and view the Dowlaſſes he has now in Town, ready for exportation; and Mr. Jolly reported, that the Linens were very good, but that he was in ſome doubt whether he ſhould ſtamp them for Dowlaſſes, till he had the ſenſe of the Board, whether Linens made in the nature of Dowlaſſes, but waſhed afterwards, were intitled to a premium. In looking back into the laſt proceeding of this Board, in relation to Mr. Smyth, your Committee find, that Mr. Hall, when he was ſent to view his Dowlaſs, made the like Report, and informed the Board, Mr. Morton, Merchant, in London, would not take any Cloths from Mr. Smyth made in imitation of Dowlaſs, but what got a bleach after they came out of the Loom, which Report of Mr. Hall's was read at the Board, and Mr. Smyth paid to Michaelmas, 1724: As your Committee finds that the Merchants of London, approve of the Linens ſo ſold for Dowlaſs, and that it was the ſenſe of the Board on his laſt payment, to allow of whitening ſuch Dowlaſs, and that he has produced an Affidavit of his having made much more than the quantity, which will entitle him to the premium of 40l. per annum, we are of opinion that he be paid the ſum of 40l.

The ſaid Smyth being called in and examined, and having made Affidavit that he was not appriſed that his Dowlaſſes ſhould have been viewed and ſtamped by Richard Hall, or Thomas Jolly, before he could demand a premium for them,

Resolved, That a Warrant be drawn for 40l. for a year's allowance, due to the ſaid Smyth the 29th of September laſt, but that for the future he have all his Cloths viewed and ſtamped before he demand the premium.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of John Harris, for the making ſoft Soap, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that the fund of this Board is not at preſent in a condition to ſupport ſuch an undertaking, though a Manufacture of that commodity would be of great ſervice to the Linen Manufacture.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Goodwin Swift's anſwer to a report of a Committee being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find that he deſires this Board will permit him to charge in his account twelve dozen of Thread Caps, by him exported; and allow him the ſame premium for them, which he is to have for Thread Stockings; he alſo ſets forth, that he cannot make affidavit of the exportation of the Stockings, they having been made up in boxes by his ſervants, while he was at Kilkenny, and ſhipped by Mr. Stevenſon and his ſervants.

As your Committee do not think it reaſonable to allow Contractors the liberty to deviate from their agreements, without the licenſe of this Board, we are of opinion that no allowance be made him for the Caps; and as it is neceſſary for the ſatisfaction of this Board, that affidavits ſhould be produced of the performance of the Contract, we are of opinion, that no allowance be made him, till affidavits be produced of his having exported the quantity of Stockings, for which he demands a premium.

Resolved, That Mr. Juſtice Coote be deſired to wait on the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, and conſult with them, what may be the moſt proper and effectual methods to be taken, to prevent the running of Callicoes.

SATURDAY, April 30th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Daniel Chappell being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Daniel Chappell, praying ſome encouragement to enable him to ſet up the trade of dying Linen Yarn, have met, and conſidered the ſame, and have had the ſaid Chappell before us, who dyed ſome Yarn in our preſence, which we gave him for that purpoſe, the quantities were but ſmall, which he dyed green, yellow, purple, and red; we ſaw him waſh them ſeverally with ſoap, and each of them held their colours very well; ſome of us took likewiſe part of each ſort of the ſaid dyed Yarn, and cauſed them to be waſhed by other hands, with ſoap, and they held their colours very well; ſome of the Committee diſcourſed with the dyers of this City thereupon, who all unanimouſly agreed, that the performance is valuable, in caſe Mr. Chappell, can dye forty pounds weight at a time, of each ſort, ſo as it may appear to the ſatisfaction of this Board, that it may be reduced to a Trade; and that the ingredients employed therein do not enhance the price of the goods beyond reaſon; for as they (the dyers) obſerve, it frequently

quently happens, that by means of chymical preparations, colours are acquired in ſmall parcels, that will not ſtand the teſt, or cannot be afforded in a bulky trade; therefore your Committee ſubmit to the conſideration of this Board, how and in what manner Mr. Chappell may give the Board ſatisfaction in thoſe two particulars, for if he can effect it, your Committee are of opinion he deſerves all reaſonable encouragement.

We have likewiſe ſeen his Rolls, for ſtamping or printing Linen Cloths, and have directed him to ſtamp ſome Linens, which if he brings to perfection, your Committee are of opinion, it will be of great uſe to the public; but as the doing this, will require ſome time, and that the ſaid Chappell has been long attending on the Board, out of all employ, in a ſtrange Country; your Committee are of opinion, that the Board grant him ſome weekly ſubſiſtence, to enable him to ſupport himſelf, until he has given the Board ſuch ſatisfaction of his abilities, to perform his undertakings, both as to the dying of Yarn, and printing of Linen Cloth, in the manner by him propoſed.

ORDERED, That forty pounds weight of Linen Yarn, of four dozen to the pound, be purchaſed for making an experiment, how the ſaid Daniel Chappell can dye Yarn in large parcels, and at what prices the ſame may be afforded, and that he be directed to dye ten pounds thereof, of green colour, ten pounds of a yellow colour, ten pounds of a purple, and ten pounds of a red colour; and that the ſaid experiments be made at Mr. Juſtice Coote's houſe.

ORDERED, That 5l. be lodged in Mr. Coote's hands, to defray the charge of the experiment, and to be by him paid to Chappell, as he ſhall ſee there is occaſion.

The petition of John Dawſon, and William Hull, being read, praying to be diſcharged from being Security for Samuel Farlow, Lapper, in the County of Armagh, his character being under a very great decay, and they being informed, that he is uſing all the means he can, to make the moſt profit of his Seals,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Farlow, directing him to give up his Seals, Commiſſion, and Inſtructions, to John Moore, Eſq; of Drumbanagher, who certified for him, till he return an anſwer to the ſaid Petition.

ORDERED, That a copy of the ſaid Petition be ſent him, and a Letter wrote to Mr. Moore, deſiring he may take up his Seals, Commiſſion, and Inſtructions from him.

ORDERED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet on Monday next, to conſider the ſtate of the Fund of this Board, and to report their opinion, what may be the propereſt method to procure payment of the money due to this Board, out of the Treaſury, and to have thoſe payments for the future, made more regular.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 1726.

The Petition of Chriſtopher Walſh, being read, complaining of the illegal practices of ſome of the Linen-weavers of the City of Dublin; who under colour of a Patent, or power granted them by the Government, do frighten ſeveral of the Journeymen-weavers, from ſerving their Maſters, and ſummon ſeveral to appear before them, and extort money from them,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher wait on the Lord Mayor, with the ſaid Petition, and the ſummons thereto annexed, and deſire his Lordſhip may make enquiry into the above-mentioned practices, and uſe his beſt endeavours to prevent the abuſes complained of.

SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 1726.

Samuel Farlow, Lapper, in the County of Armagh, having delivered in a Petition, and ſeveral Certificates, juſtifying himſelf, againſt the complaint made againſt him, by John Dawſon his Security, and an Examination ſworn by the ſaid John Dawſon, before John Moore, Eſq; of Drumbanagher, being read, accuſing the ſaid Farlow, of having cut off three yards of the piece of Cloth, which was twenty-one yards, and afterwards lapped and ſtamped the ſame, as twenty-one yards, and returned the ſame, as ſuch, to the owner Henry Savage;

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to John Dawſon, directing him to proſecute the ſaid Farlow, and to inform him, that if he convict the ſaid Farlow, the Board will be at the expence of the proſecution, but if not, he muſt be at the expence himſelf.

The Memorial of John Caſper-Reale, being read, propoſing to make Pot-aſhes in this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Richard Hall, and that he be directed to make an experiment of the Pot-aſhes made by the ſaid Reale, and that he make his report thereon, to this Board.

The Report of the Committee on the form of a Commiſſion to be given, to ſuch perſons as this Board ſhall appoint, to ſee the laws put in execution, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

By the TRUSTEES of the LINEN MANUFACTURE.

'WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the 'ſixth year of his Majeſty King George, intitled, an Act 'for the better regulating the buying and ſelling of Yarn 'and Cloth, and further improving the Hempen, and 'Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, it is enacted, 'that from, and after the firſt day of November, one 'thouſand, ſeven hundred, and twenty, all Threads, 'whether white or coloured, and all Boſs, made of double 'Flaxen-yarn, ſhall be reeled on a Reel, of forty-four 'inches or more in circumference, and ſhall be divided into ſkains, each ſkain to contain twelve Threads, and all 'Tapes, commonly called Diaper and Twilled-tapes, 'ſhall be made up in pieces, containing in length twelve 'yards or upwards, in every piece; and all fine plain 'Tapes, whether white, or red, ſhall be made up in pieces, containing in length, twenty-four yards or more, in 'each piece; and all Tapes, commonly called Chatts-'inkles, and Filleting, ſhall be made up in pieces containing in length, thirty-ſix yards in each piece, and ſuch 'Chatts ſhall contain thirteen threads in breadth, Inkles 'ſhall contain twenty-one threads in breadth, narrow fil-'leting ſhall contain thirty-three threads in breadth, and 'broad filleting ſhall contain forty-nine threads in breadth 'or more, and all Braids, Ferritings, and Shoe-lace, made 'of Flaxen-yarn, or ſuch Yarn mixed with Silk or Wor-'ſted, ſhall contain in length eighteen yards or more in 'each piece, and all Thread-laces commonly called 'Points, ſhall contain ſixteen threads or more in breadth, 'and all white Bobbin made of ſingle Flaxen-yarn, ſhall 'contain twenty-four yards in length in each piece, and 'all Bobbin made of double Flaxen-yarn, ſhall contain in 'length twelve yards in each piece, and if it ſhall happen 'that any perſon or perſons, ſhall after the ſaid firſt day of

'November, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty, ſell 'or expoſe to ſale, any Thread, Tape, Chatts, Inkles, 'Filleting, Braids, Ferriting, Shoe-lace, Points or Bobbin 'whatſoever, that is not conformable to the lengths, 'breadths and rules aforeſaid, or if the ſame, or any, or 'either of them, be found in the cuſtody or poſſeſſion of 'any Weaver, Shopkeeper, petty Chapman or Retailer, 'then and in ſuch caſe, the ſame ſhall be, and is hereby 'declared to be forfeited.

'And whereas by the ſaid Act it is farther enacted, that 'it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for any perſon or per-'ſons, to ſeize and carry the ſame before any Juſtice of the 'Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, within their reſpective Juriſ-'dictions, who are hereby impowered, upon the oath of 'one or more credible Witneſſes, which oath they are 'thereby authoriſed to adminiſter, to hear and finally de-'termine the ſame, and condemn or diſcharge ſuch 'Threads, Tapes, Chatts, Inkles, Filletings, Braids, Fer-'ritings, Shoe-lace, Points or Bobbins, ſo ſeized as afore-'ſaid, and deliver the ſame to the party entitled 'thereto.

'And whereas it is enacted in the ſaid Act of Parliament, 'that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Truſtees 'appointed for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Ma-'nufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them, 'to licenſe and appoint ſuch fit and proper perſon or per-'ſons, in ſuch places of this Kingdom as they ſhall judge 'moſt convenient, to view, examine and meaſure, all and 'every ſuch piece or pieces of Linen-Cloth, as ſhall be 'produced and offered to him or them; and if ſuch Cloth 'appear to be merchantable, and purſuant to the good 'Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture in force in 'this Kingdom, then and not otherwiſe, ſuch perſon or 'perſons, licenſed to be Lappers as aforeſaid, ſhall and 'may lap and make up the ſame, and mark thereon the 'number of yards each piece containeth in length, and ſeal 'or ſtamp both ends thereof, with the name of ſuch Lap-'per, and the County in which he reſides, or ſuch other 'impreſſion, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fit and ap-'point.

'And whereas by an Act made in the tenth year of 'His Majeſty King George, it is enacted, that from and 'after the twenty-fifth day of March, one thouſand ſeven 'hundred and twenty-four, if any bleached Cloth or 'Cloths, made of High White Yarn, ſhall be found in the 'Shop, Warehouſe, or poſſeſſion of any Trader or Dealer, 'or reputed Trader or Dealer in Linen-Cloth, lapped, but 'not ſealed and ſtamped according to the ſaid recited Sta-'tute, he or they in whoſe cuſtody the ſame ſhall be found, 'ſhall forfeit the ſum of five ſhillings for each piece of Cloth 'not ſealed or ſtamped as aforeſaid.

'And it is further enacted by the ſaid Act, that from 'and after the ſaid twenty-fifth day of March, which ſhall 'be in the year of our Lord, one thouſand ſeven hundred 'and twenty four, no unbleached Cloths, called *Green 'Cloths*, ſhall be brought to any Market or Fair, or ſhall 'be ſold or expoſed to ſale, otherwiſe than in the folds, 'and no ways tied; and if any perſon or perſons, from 'and after the ſaid twenty-fifth day of March, ſhall bring 'any ſuch unbleached Cloths to any Market or Fair, or 'ſhall there ſell or expoſe the ſame to ſale, he or they 'ſhall, for ſuch his offence, forfeit the ſum of one ſhil-'ling, for every piece of ſuch Cloth, ſo by him or them 'brought to ſuch Market or Fair, or there ſold or expoſed 'to ſale as aforeſaid.

'Now we the Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament, 'paſſed in the ninth year of Queen Anne, to ſettle and 'adjuſt ſuch matters, as ſhould be moſt reaſonable and 'conducive to the eſtabliſhing and carrying on the 'Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in this Kingdom, and 'for preventing all abuſes that may happen in the ſame, 'do nominate and appoint you A. B. to detect and diſco-'ver the frauds and abuſes provided againſt by the ſaid ſe-'veral Acts, and to proceed againſt ſuch offenders as you 'ſhall diſcover, according to the tenor, true intent and 'meaning of the ſaid ſeveral Acts. Given under our 'Hands and Seals, this day of

SATURDAY, May 21ſt, 1726.

A Letter from Mr. Juſtice Coote of this date, with Chappell's Samples of Linen Yarn dyed, being laid before the Board,

Ordered, That they be referred to Thurſday's Committee; and that the ſaid Committee be deſired to concert meaſures with Mr. Juſtice Coote, for the making of the ſaid Art more practicable and uſeful to this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, June 18th, 1726.

Ordered, That a Letter be ſent to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, acquainting them, that this Board is informed, there has been a ſeizure made of eight pieces of unſtamped Calicoes, which have been ſince ſold by public cant at the Cuſtom-Houſe, the half of which goods, this Board apprehends, is, by the Act paſſed in the fourth year of his preſent Majeſty, veſted in this Board; and deſiring, that the half of what thoſe goods ſold for, may be paid in to this Board, for the uſe and encouragement of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom: And whereas, over and above the forfeiture of ſuch goods, there is a penalty of 20l. on the perſon in whoſe cuſtody ſuch goods are found, the half of which is likewiſe veſted in this Board, and whereas the ſaid ſeizure was made by John Smith, Land-carriage Officer, and that his evidence will be neceſſary to ſue for the ſaid penalty, to deſire they will give him directions to ſue for the ſame, and that this Board will be at half the expence.

SATURDAY, June 25th, 1726.

Resolved, That for the future, it be a ſtanding order of this Board, that all Complaints againſt Lappers, and their Anſwers to any Complaints, be taken into conſideration by this Board, immediately after the reading of the Reports of Committees; and that all ſuch Complaints againſt Lappers, and an account when they are appointed to attend, be kept in a ſeparate paper, and given in to the Chairman, before any other buſineſs be proceeded on.

SATURDAY, August 20th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Uſher's Accounts, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee obſerves, that there are ſeveral Members of this Board, and others, who have received ſeveral ſums of money for divers perſons, and that it did not appear, that they had been authoriſed to receive the ſame; and though your Committee believes, the ſaid ſeveral ſums ſo received, have been paid to the perſons for whom they were deſigned, yet for the more regularity in making payments, your Committee is of opinion, that it ſhould be a

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ſtanding order of this Board, that no payments be made by your Clerk to any perſons on account, or for the uſe of another, till they produce an authority for the receiving of the ſame, from the perſon entitled thereto.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ſt, 1726.

A Copy of a Letter from Mr. James Collins to Dr. Coghill, being read, acquainting him, that Hemp-ſeed may be had in Yorkſhire, at 3s. per buſhel, but farther informing him, that the perſon who will undertake the purchaſing it for this Board, will not meddle with the delivery of it in Ireland,

ORDERED, That Dr. Coghill be deſired to write to Mr. Collins, to know on what terms freight may be had at Hull, for two hundred hogſheads to be imported hither.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1726.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet at the Linen-Hall, on Tueſday next at eleven o'clock, to conſider in what manner the rooms of the ſaid Hall may be beſt fitted up for the reception of the goods deſigned to be lodged there, and for the accommodation of the perſons who are to have the care of the ſaid goods.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1726.

The Petition of William Croſs, praying ſome encouragement for a Manufacture to be ſet up at Skibreen, in the County of Cork, being read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Thurſday's Committee; and that Richard Hall be directed to examine the ſaid Croſs, and report to the Committee his opinion, whether the ſaid Croſs have experience enough, and be ſufficiently qualified for carrying on a Linen Manufacture as he propoſes, at the place in his Petition mentioned.

The Petition of Michael Beilby, being read, praying the gratuity of 40l. promiſed him by this Board, for his invention of the Spooling-engine, and offering to ſell the engine by him made for the uſe of the Public, which he propoſed to divide into three ſeveral Engines, and to have them ſent to ſeveral places in this Kingdom, for the improvement of the Manufacture,

RESOLVED, That on Mr. Beilby's dividing the ſaid Engine into three ſeparate Engines, and delivering them in to this Board, that he ſhall be paid the ſum of 40l. the gratuity promiſed him by this Board, for the invention of the ſaid Engine, together with a ſum of 23l. by him laid out in making the ſaid engine; as alſo, what further ſums he ſhall lay out in dividing the ſaid Engine into three, and fitting them up.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee appointed to receive Daniel Chappell's Account of his dying Linen Yarn, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to receive in writing from Daniel Chappell, an Account of his art of dying Linen-yarn, having met, the ſaid Chappell delivered in to us, an exact account in writing, of his manner of dying; ſetting forth, the ſeveral ingredients uſed therein, with their ſeveral quantities, proportions, and times of mixing; together with an account of the value of the ſaid ſeveral ingredients: your Committee have made the experiment according to the ſaid Account, which has ſucceeded well, and to our ſatisfaction. Your Committee, on comparing the value of the ingredients made uſe of, with the quantity of Yarn dyed, find, that the dying will not raiſe the price of the goods when dyed, above a reaſonable value, and can be afforded at the rates ſet down by the ſaid Chappell, which are hereunto annexed; and are therefore of opinion, that the ſecret will be of uſe to the Linen Trade. Your Committee, purſuant to the order of this Board, do herewith lodge in the Office, the ſecret of the ſaid Chappell, ſealed with our Seals.

To the Honourable BOARD of TRUSTEES of the LINEN MANUFACTURE of IRELAND.

The humble *Repreſentation* of *Daniel Chappell*, *Stainer* and *Dyer* of *Linen Yarn* and *Thread*,

Moſt Humbly Sheweth,

That having delivered to this Honourable Board, ſome time ago, propoſals and prices for which he would undertake to dye for the Linen Weavers, ſuch colours as the Board apprehended the ſaid Weavers would have occaſion for, in the weaving the Manufacture of this Kingdom, which prices being thought too high, eſpecially for the coarſer ſorts, the ſaid Daniel Chappell, therefore, to give the greateſt encouragement he poſſibly can, to the improvement of the ſaid Linen-Trade, propoſes to dye and ſtain Linen Yarn and Threads for the Weavers, at the prices following, according to the Statute Reels:

			l.	*s.*	*d.*	
For Five	Skains,	—	0	3	0	per Pound.
Four	Skains,	—	0	2	6	
Three	Skains,	—	0	2	0	
Two	Skains,	—	0	1	8	

DANIEL CHAPPELL.

We the Subſcribers, Linen-Weavers of the City and Suburbs of Dublin, do hereby certify, that the prices inſerted above by Daniel Chappell, for ſtaining and dying Linen Yarn, are very moderate and reaſonable; and if he ſhall perform the ſame well, we will have large quantities thereof done by him, which will be a great encouragement to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom.

Signed, WM. BAXTER, and nine others.

MEMORANDUM.

That Mr. Daniel Chappell's method of dying Linen-Yarn, delivered in to this Board, ſealed up, by the Committee who examined the ſame, is not to be opened, till ſuch time as the ſaid Chappell ſhall fail in the performance of the Agreement he is to enter into with this Board.

Mr. John Goddard's Letters from Rotterdam, relating to the importation of Flax-ſeed, being read,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do write immediately to the ſaid John Goddard, to let him know, the Board do agree to pay him or his order here, 2l. 13s. per hogſhead, and he to have the premium on the delivery of the Seed, in good order, on the Cuſtom-Houſe-Quay of Dublin; and to deſire him to ſend five hundred hogſheads of the beſt Lint-ſeed, as ſoon as poſſible he can, and marked with his name, as he propoſed on each hogſhead.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Wm. Croſs, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of William Croſs, having examined Mr. Richard Hall, who has ſatisfied us of the ſaid Croſs's abilities to carry on the ſaid Manufacture, and the Rev. Mr. Philip Townſhend, one of the ſaid Croſs's employers in the ſaid Manufacture, offering himſelf ſecurity for the ſaid Croſs's performance, your Committee is of opinion, the Board ſhould enter into a contract with the ſaid Croſs, for carrying on a Hempen and Flaxen Manufacture at Skibreen, in the County of Cork; that is to ſay, that if the ſaid Croſs ſhall ſet up and employ, on or before the 25th day of March, four Looms in making Hempen Sail-cloth of the growth of this Kingdom, in imitation of Holland Duck, for ſeven years from the ſaid 25th day of March, and turn out yearly out of each Loom, a thouſand yards, and ſhall ſet up eight Looms for weaving Flaxen Linen of the growth of this Country, on or before the ſaid 25th of March next, and keep the ſame employed for ſeven years, from the ſaid 25th of March next, and turn out yearly out of each Loom, eight hundred yards of good merchantable Cloth, and if the ſaid Croſs ſhall make a convenient Bleach-yard, of four acres plantation meaſure, and build a Buck-houſe, and furniſh the ſame with all proper utenſils for carrying on the ſaid work, that on his making it appear to the ſatisfaction of this Board, that he has expended the ſum of 300l. on the ſaid works, this Board, for his encouragement, will pay him the ſum of 100l. and allow for a ſkilful Overſeer, ſuch as ſhall from time to time be approved of by the Board, the ſum of 20l. per annum, for three years, as a ſalary, from the ſaid 25th of March.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1726.

A Sample of Yarn, ſpun by two of the Scholars in the School of Newtownſorbes, County Longford, being laid before the Board, which was ſixteen dozen to the pound,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to Mr. Span, deſiring he may purchaſe two Cheque-Reels, and give them to Bridget Ferral and Mary Bourn, as an encouragement to them for ſpinning the ſaid Yarn; and that he pay Mr. Span for the ſaid Reels.

The Petition of John Caſper Reale, praying 20l. to enable him to carry on the trade of making Pot-aſhes, being read,

ORDERED, That 20l. be paid to John Caſper Reale, on his giving Mr. Ram ſecurity to return the ſaid 20l. this time twelvemonths, in caſe his Pot-aſhes do not ſucceed to the ſatisfaction of this Board; and likewiſe on his obliging himſelf to return to this Board every quarter, one barrel of the ſaid Aſhes, in order to have an experiment made of the goodneſs thereof; for which Aſhes he ſhall be paid the current price.

The Petition of Terence M'Mahon, being read, ſetting forth, that purſuant to the orders of this Board, he had taken the oath of an Itinerant Man at the Seſſions of the County of Clare, and praying the ſalary of 5l. per annum, due to him, in as much as he had performed his duty ever ſince,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Thos. Spaight, Eſq; who as High Sheriff of the County at that time, recommended him as a ſupernumerary Itinerant Man, in the name of the gentlemen of the County, to know how he has performed his duty, and whether he has been any way ſerviceable to the County, ſince his taking the ſaid oath.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1726.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Laurence Steel, was read, and is as follows:

As the bringing over foreign artiſts, will be of great uſe to his Hempen Manufacture at Rathbride, in the County of Kildare, as well as to the Public, your Committee are of opinion, that Mr. Steel, obliging himſelf at or before the 1ſt of May next, to bring to Rathbride in the County of Kildare, from Holland, one Dutch Bleacher, ſkilled in the beſt manner of bleaching proper for Hempen Sail-cloth, like as the ſame is done and performed in Holland, as alſo one Spinner, ſkilled in the ſpinning of Hempen-Yarn, both for Warp and Weft, fit for all ſorts of Sail-cloth commonly made in Holland, and one Maſter-weaver, ſkilled in the weaving of all ſorts of Hempen Sail-cloth, commonly known or uſed in Holland, and likewiſe obliging himſelf, that they ſhall take into their ſervice two apprentices, and inſtruct them in their reſpective trades and myſteries, he ſhall be allowed the ſum of 40l. per annum, for three years, towards wages to the ſaid Artiſts, to be accounted from the day ſuch artiſts ſhall be ſet at work; but if any of the ſaid artiſts ſhall not be continued and employed during the ſaid term, then ſo much of the annual wages of each of the ſaid artiſts ſhall be ſtopped, proportionable to the time ſuch artiſts ſhall be unemployed; that is to ſay, for the ſaid Bleacher, at the rate of 20l. per annum, and for each of the others, at the rate of 10l. per annum.

ORDERED, That Arthur Labran, Itinerant Man for the County of Roſcommon, be directed to go to Mr. Steel's at Rathbride, in the County of Kildare, and there break and ſcutch one ſtone of his Hemp with his own hands, and ſee another ſtone broke and ſcutched with the Mill made for that purpoſe; and when they are both ſo broke, that he ſee the two ſeveral parcels beat in the Mill; and when they are ſo beat, that he hatchel them apart, and ſee what difference there is in the Hemp dreſſed by the Mill, and that dreſſed by the hand, which yields moſt Tare, and which runs moſt to Tow.

The Board being informed, that Daniel Chappell had procured one of the Lapper's Stamps, which he cauſed to be counterfeited,

ORDERED, That next Thurſday's Committee be directed to enquire, how Chappell came by the ſaid Stamp, what he did with it, and what uſe he deſigned to make of the counterfeit.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1726.

Whereas this Board came to a reſolution, that on Mr. Michael Beilby dividing his Spooling-engine into three ſeparate engines, and delivering them in to this Board, he ſhould be paid the ſum of 40l. the gratuity promiſed him by this Board for the invention of the ſaid engine, together with the ſum of 23l. by him laid out in making the ſaid engine, as alſo what further ſums he ſhould lay out on dividing the ſaid engine into three, and fitting them up, and an agreement entered into by James Barrett to the ſaid Michael Beilby, being laid before the Board, whereby the ſaid Barrett engages to alter the ſaid engine for 12l. and the Board being moved to pay Mr. Beilby the ſaid ſeveral ſums of 40l. and 23l. in regard that his affairs called him for England, and that they would pay the ſaid ſum of 12l. to Barrett, when the work ſhould be finiſhed,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, that this Board will pay the ſaid ſum of 12l. to the ſaid Barrett, when he ſhall have performed the ſaid agreement.

RESOLVED, That a Warrant be drawn for 63l. to be paid to Mr. Beilby, purſuant to ſaid Order.

RESOLVED, That Thurſday's Committee do conſider of proper methods for rendering the Itinerant Hemp and Flax-men more uſeful; and that it be an Inſtruction to that Committee, to draw up a form of a Journal, to be returned by the Itinerant Men into the Office.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1726—27.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Hercules Beers, praying this Board would lend him four Looms, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that the ſaid four Looms be lent him; viz. two for Hempen Sail-cloth, and two for Linen-cloth; to be provided for him at the expence of this Board, on his entering into contract to keep the ſaid Looms conſtantly employed for ſeven years, from Lady-day next, at Ballyboe, in the County of Tipperary; and turn out of two of the ſaid Looms yearly, at leaſt eight hundred yards of merchantable Linen-cloth, and one thouſand yards of Hempen Sail-cloth, which ſhall be made of Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom, in imitation of Holland's Duck, out of each of the other two Looms, yearly, during the ſaid term of ſeven years; and in caſe he do not keep the ſaid four Looms employed during the ſaid term as aforeſaid, he then ſhall be obliged to return them to this Board, or their order.

The Petition of William Watſon of this date, being read, ſetting forth, that on the 18th of November laſt, he bought from one Alexander M'Dowell, of the County of Cavan, Lapper, twenty-four pieces of Linen-cloth, all which pieces were lapped and ſtamped by the ſaid M'Dowel; that on opening the ſaid Cloths, on the 21ſt of the ſame month, he found that they were all wet, ſhort of meaſure, and not fairly lapped,

ORDERED, That M'Dowell be informed of the ſaid Complaint; and that he be directed to attend the Board on this day fortnight, to anſwer the ſame; and that he be directed to bring up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, and deliver them in to the Office; and that if he fail, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

Whereas it appears, that there is a demand for one hundred and ſeventy hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed more than this Board can be furniſhed with in this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to Mr. Goddard in Holland, deſiring he may purchaſe that quantity in Holland, and ſhip the ſame for this Port, on account and riſque of this Board; and that he be deſired to have the ſame inſured.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ſt, 1726—27.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Daniel Chappell, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Daniel Chappell, praying ſome money to enable him to purchaſe timber for cutting Prints and proper tools for that purpoſe, and by Order, we were directed to examine the draft of the leaſes of the lands whereon Chapell's Work-houſes are to be erected; we have accordingly met, and conſidered the ſaid Petition, and examined the ſaid Chappell, and find, that the providing of Prints for Chappell's Printing, will amount to the following charges, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
The Timber neceſſary for cutting twenty Prints and Grounds for them, -	2	10	0
The Timber for cutting forty Rolls,	12	0	0
Workmanſhip in cutting the twenty Prints, at 10s. each, - -	10	0	0
Workmanſhip in cutting the thirty Grounds, at 2s. 6d. each, - -	3	15	0
Tools for cutting them, - -	0	13	6½
Total, - - -	£28	18	6½

Which ſum, your Committee is of opinion, ſhould be laid out to the uſes aforeſaid.

Your Committee is alſo of opinion, that when the Timber ſhall be purchaſed for making the Rolls, it be lodged in the Linen-Hall, in order to ſeaſon and prevent its warping when cut.

And whereas there are now in the Store-room belonging to this Office, a ſmall parcel of Prints, ſent over hither ſome time ago by Mr. Ward, when in England, at the expence of this Board, we are therefore of opinion, that they be given to Mr. Chappell to fit up for uſe.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1726—27.

The Petition of William Long, Itinerant Inſpector in the County of Donegall, being read, praying ſome conſideration for his expence in ſeizing unſtatutable Linen-cloth and Yarn in the ſaid County, together with a recommendation of the Grand Jury of the County to this Board in his favour,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to the Juſtices of the Peace and Grand Jury of the County of Donegall, to inform them, that as this Board have, on their recommendation, given to Stephen Butler very conſiderable rewards for the like ſervices, and that they being beſt acquainted with the merits of the ſaid Long, we hope they will take care of him, by rewarding his ſervices, and that they will not let him be a charge to this Board.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1726—27.

The Report of the Committee, to whom a former Report of a Committee on the Spinning-ſchools to be continued for the enſuing year, was re-committed, being read,

RESOLVED, That this Board will give no encouragement to any Spinning-ſchools whatever, after the 25th of March, 1728, other than 5l. 10s. for a ſcore of Wheels, and two Cheque-reels, and 6l. per annum to a Miſtreſs, for inſtructing twenty Scholars

Thomas Burgh, Eſq; having informed this Board, that two of the rooms of the Linen-Hall were fitted up for the reception of goods in two different manners, in order to have the reſt of the rooms fitted up according to either model, or in ſuch manner as this Board ſhould approve of,

ORDERED, That a Committee of any three of this Board, be ſummoned to meet at ſuch time as Mr. Burgh ſhall think convenient, to view the ſaid Rooms, and report their opinion thereon to this Board.

Thomas Rainey, who by Letter to his Bail, was directed to attend the Board as on this day, to anſwer the complaint of George Norbury, having neglected to attend,

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the Mayor of Colerain, desiring he may send for the said Rainey, and take his Seals, Commission and Instructions from him; and that inclosed to the Mayor, a Letter be wrote to Rainey, informing him of the Complaint that is made against him, and directing him to attend the Board on this day fortnight; and that the Mayor be desired to put the Letter into Rainey's hands, that this Board may be satisfied he has received the same, before he be farther proceeded against.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Charles Ganbier, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Charles Ganbier, desiring encouragement for the making of Linens in imitation of Tufted Hollands of Flax and Yarn, have met and considered the same, and have had a pattern of the same before us, which we find is very proper for several uses.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that on his entering into contract, to set up on or before the 25th day of March next, in the City of Dublin, two Looms, and keep them employed for three years, from the said time, in making Linens in imitation of Tufted Hollands of Flaxen-yarn, and turn out of each of the said Looms yearly, at least five hundred yards of such Linens, he be paid the sum of 12l. in hand, to enable him to carry on the said Work, and 2d. per yard for every yard he shall turn out of the said two Looms yearly, during the said three years, provided the said premium do not exceed 10l. in any one year.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1726—27.

The Report from the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of Joshua Carleton, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that the said Carleton, in behalf of himself, Isaac Davenport, and William Coates, desires, that this Board may, on the said Joshua Carleton and Isaac Davenport's giving up the remaining part of the term of their present contract yet to come and unexpired, enter into a new contract with the said Joshua Carleton, Isaac Davenport, and William Coates, to allow them the premium of 6l. per cent. per annum, for seven years, for so much Bos's as each of them shall make and vend in the year, at or under the rate of 14s. per bundle, provided such premium do not exceed the sum of 40l. per annum to each of them.

As your Committee find that since the said Joshua Carleton and Isaac Davenport's undertaking the making of Bos's, the price of Foreign Bos's has been reduced at least 18d. per Bundle, which in all probability was owing to their lowering the price of theirs, and as the produce of what they have made has saved so much money to the Kingdom, and has prevented the importation of so much, and as by this Trade (if enlarged), we may in time supply Foreign Markets, and open to ourselves a new Branch of Commerce,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the said Joshua Carleton, Isaac Davenport, and William Coates, should be encouraged, but as they desire the Premium for seven years, which is five years more than their present Term, and that they desire the same encouragement for a third Partner, we think the Premium of Interest should be reduced to 5l. per cent.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that they be allowed the Interest of 5l. per cent. per annum, for seven years, for the amount of so much Bos's as they shall make and sell, at 13s. 6d. per Bundle and under, provided such premium do not exceed 40l. per annum to each of them.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 1726—27.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Laurence Tallon being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of Laurence Tallon, together with a Memorial signed by the Right Honourable the Lord Forbes, in favour of the said Tallon, have met and considered the same, and on discoursing with Mr. Tallon on this affair, we find that he proposes to encrease twelve Looms which he has already set up, and to make them forty, and to keep twenty of the said forty Looms employed on plain Linens, and to turn out of each Loom at least eight hundred yards yearly for seven years; he proposes also to keep nineteen other Looms employed on Cherry Derry's, striped Hollands, and several kinds of Tickings of three quarters or seven eighths wide, and to turn out of each Loom at least five hundred yards of such Linens annually, during the said term, and the remaining Loom of the said forty, he will keep employed for the said term of seven years on broad Bed-ticks, and turn out of the said Loom three hundred and fifty yards yearly; and will oblige himself that all the colours he shall make in his striped Linens, Cherry Derry's, and Hollands, shall bear washing and hold the colours.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, (that as the said Mr. Tallon has laid out a considerable sum on this Manufacture, and undertaken the same on the expectations he had of receiving some encouragement from this Board, and that he proposes to set up twenty eight Looms more than he already has on the terms aforesaid), Mr. Jolly be sent down to Mullingar to view and report what Mr. Tallon has done there, and in case it shall appear that he has set up the Looms, and made the conveniencies mentioned in the Schedule annexed to his Memorial, and that the said Tallon will enter into Articles to perform the Covenants above mentioned; your Committee are of opinion that he be paid the sum of 120l. in hand, and on his making it appear that he has set up the full number of Looms above mentioned, that then he be paid the further sum of 80l.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Mr. Goodwin Swift being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of Mr. Goodwin Swift, have met and considered the same, and find that he deserves the sum of 4l. 14s. to be paid him, being the premium due to him for the exportation of thirty-one dozen and four pair of Thread-stockings to Majorca, and also that this Board would allow him a premium for the exportation of Thread-caps and Socks; as to his first demand, we find that he has made sufficient proofs of the exportation of the thirty-one dozen and four pair of Stockings, and that there is a premium of 3s. per dozen due to him on the exportation, amounting in the whole to 4l. 14s. which we think should be paid him.

As your Committee think Mr. Swift may find it convenient for an assortment, to send some Thread-caps and Socks along with his Stockings, and that the exportation

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of ſo much Yarn manufactured is thereby promoted, which ſeems to be the chief end and deſign of this Board; and as upon enquiry your Committee find that two dozen and a half of Caps of two threads, are equal in proportion to one dozen of Men's Stockings of two threads, and that three dozen of Caps of three threads are equal in proportion to one dozen of Stockings of three threads, and that eight dozen of Socks of three threads are equal in proportion to one dozen of Men's Stockings of three threads;

We are therefore of opinion that Mr. Swift be allowed a premium of 3s. for every two dozen and a half of Caps of two threads, 3s. for every three dozen of Caps of three threads, and the like premium for every eight dozen of Socks of three threads, which he ſhall export during the time already granted, provided the ſaid premium do not exceed the ſum formerly agreed to be allowed him by the order of this Board.

SATURDAY, March 25th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee on a former Report on Mr. Steele's Memorial being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider Arthur Labran's Report on the performance of Mr. Steele's Mill for breaking and ſcutching of Hemp, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by Labran's Report, that the ſaid Mill anſwers expectation, and that in the dreſſing of one hundred and eight pounds weight of Hemp from the ſtalk, the difference of dreſſing by the Hand and by the Mill is as follows:

Dreſſed by the Hand.

lb.	oz.	
12	0	clear ſcutched Hemp,
1	6	of pulling,
2	11	of Tow.

Performed between nine in the Morning and ſeven in the Evening.

Ditto Hatchelled, viz.

lb.	oz.	
2	8	long Tare,
4	9	ſhort Tare,
3	11	of Tow.
Total 10	12	

Dreſſed by the Mill.

lb.	oz.	
18	5	no Tow in the Breaking-engine, 1lb. 4oz. of Tow picked up which was computed in the 18lb. 5 oz.

Performed in an Hour.

Ditto Hatchelled, viz.

lb.	oz.	
2	6	of long Tare,
6	10	of ſhort Tare,
7	14	of Tow.
Total 16	14	

Your Committee find that the ſaid Mill is an addition to the Mill formerly contracted for by Mr. Steele, for the beating of his Hemp, and has coſt 20l. extraordinary over and above the coſt of the Beating-mill; we farther find by his Memorial, that he propoſes to make an Oven for drying his Hemp, eighteen feet diameter, if the Board will allow him 25l. for that purpoſe, and propoſes if the ſaid Oven does not anſwer expectation, to return the money to this Board; he alſo ſets forth in his ſaid Memorial, that it will be of great uſe to his Factory to have an Engine to wring his Yarn, and alſo that an Itinerant Man is much wanted in the County of Kildare.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that 20l. be paid him for his having invented and made the ſaid Mill for breaking and ſcutching of Hemp; ſecondly, that an Engine for wringing of Yarn be provided for him at the expence of this Board; thirdly, that he be paid 25l. for the building of an Oven for the drying of Hemp, with this proviſo, that in caſe it will not anſwer the end of drying, he then be obliged to return the ſaid 25l. purſuant to his own propoſal; and laſtly, that an Itinerant Hemp and Flax Man be provided for the County of Kildare.

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Hall be directed to provide a Wringing-engine for Mr. Steele's Manufacture, and that it be made after the model of that he has in his Buckhouſe at Drumcondra, and that he draw on Mr. Uſher for the charge thereof.

SATURDAY, April 15th, 1727.

The Report of Mr. Juſtice Coote and Sir William Fownes, on the lands at Miltown, deſigned for the employing Mr. Chappell, and on ſome other lands at Ball's-Bridge, in the poſſeſſion of Mr. Richard Reeves, which ſeemed fit for that purpoſe, and Mr. Humphry French to whom the lands at Miltown belong, having laid before the Board a draft of a Leaſe of the ſaid lands,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report and Leaſes be referred to a Committee of any three of the Truſtees to report their opinion thereon to the Board, and that Mr. French and Mr. Reeves be deſired to attend the ſaid Committee on Thurſday next.

A Motion being made that a Sleaing-table might be provided for the ſleaing of Diaper, in the ſame manner as that for plain Linens,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to Samuel Waring, Eſq; deſiring his opinion thereon, and that he would provide ſuch a table if he think it proper.

SATURDAY, April 22d, 1727.

The Memorial of George Norbury, deſiring this Board will give directions for his ſpeedy relief, in the damage he ſuſtained in the purchaſe of two hundred and twenty-eight pieces of Linen, bought from one Matthew Cockran of Coleraine, which were damaged, and forty odd pieces of the ſame, lapped and ſtamped Thomas Rainey, being read,

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher direct Mr. Mathews to proſecute Matthew Cockran, on an Action of the Caſe, in the name of George Norbury, and that Thomas Rainey's Bonds, alſo, be put into his hands with directions to proſecute them, he having neglected to attend purſuant to the orders of this Board, to anſwer the complaint of the ſaid Norbury.

The Petition of Jacob Reyling, being read, complaining that John Caſper Reale, who keeps the Spinning-ſchool at

at Gorey, had not paid his Daughter the penny per day allowed for ſpinning in the ſaid School, and having made Affidavit thereof,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher pay Reyling 10s. the money due to his Daughter, and that he ſtop it out of the next quarter's allowance due to Caſper Reale, for the School at Gorey, unleſs he make it appear that he has already paid the ſame.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 1727.

Mr. Juſtice Coote having laid before the Board a Draft of a Leaſe to be perfected by Mr. Reeves, for the conveying of the ground at Ball's-bridge, deſigned for employing Daniel Chappell,

RESOLVED, That it be referred to Thurſday's Committee, and that they be deſired to conſider the ſame, and report their opinion thereon, as alſo on what terms it may be proper to employ and ſet at work the ſaid Chappell, and to agree with ſome perſon who will build a Copper-houſe and Stove; and that they be farther deſired to conſider and report whether any, and what allowance may be proper to be given to Alderman French, for any damage he may have ſuſtained by entering into a treaty with this Board, for ſetting the lands at Miltown, for the uſe of Daniel Chappell, which treaty has been ſince dropped.

SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 1727.

The Petition of Faghney Farrell, of Pill-Lane, Linen-Draper, being read, ſetting forth that ſome time ago he had bought twenty pieces of Linen Cloth from Thomas Boyd, Lapper, in the County of Antrim, ſtamped by him, two pieces whereof on opening were found to be rowed, and better by 4d. per yard by the Lap-yard than they were on the inſide,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Thomas Boyd, directing him to give up his Seal, Commiſſion, and Inſtructions, to Henry O'Hara, Eſq; and ordering him to attend this Board on this Day-fortnight, to anſwer the complaint of the ſaid Faghney Farrell.

The Memorial of Thomas Jolly, being read, ſetting forth the inconveniency of ſtamping the Wheels and Reels at the places where they are made, in as much as they ſuffer greatly in the carriage, and ought to be put in order by the Wheelright afterwards,

RESOLVED, That for the future no Wheels be ſtamped but at the place where they are to be delivered, and that notice be given to the Gentlemen who are to receive them, that the Wheels will be there on ſuch a day to be delivered out, and that the Wheelights give notice to Mr. Uſher, ſome time before the time of delivery, that the Wheels will be there on ſuch a day, that Mr. Uſher may have timely notice to ſend Mr. Jolly there to view and ſtamp them.

TUESDAY, MAY 9th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider on what terms it may be proper to employ and ſet at work Daniel Chappell, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider a Draft of a Leaſe to be perfected by Mr. Reeves, for the conveying of the ground at Ball's-Bridge, deſigned for employing Daniel Chappell, as alſo on what terms it may be proper to employ and ſet at work the ſaid Chappell, and to agree with ſome perſon who will build a Copper-houſe and Stove; have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that on Mr. Daniel Chappell's entering into Contract, obliging himſelf on his part, to dye all Linen Yarn that ſhall be brought to him at the prices ſet down in a Report of a Committee, and alſo obliging himſelf to ſet up his Printing-preſs, and all other conveniencies for printing Linen Cloth, at or before the firſt Day of Auguſt next; this Board ſhall on their part, oblige themſelves to repair or build what houſes and conveniencies are now ſtanding, or ſhall be found neceſſary to be built on the ground to be taken from Mr. Reeves, for the carrying on the Trade of dying and printing Linen Yarn and Cloth; and we are of opinion that Mr. Burgh have the ground ſurveyed, and a plan drawn of the houſes now built and to be built thereon, and that he be deſired to contract with workmen to be ſet at work on the ſame immediately.

Mr. Chappell being called in, and having informed the Board, that there is now a Print-cutter in Town, who is a good Workman, and whom he has been treating with to engage him in his ſervice, and to whom he has offered 16s. 3d. per week, and to engage him for one year; and whereas the ſaid Print-cutter inſiſts on 1l. 1s. 8d. per week, and propoſes to quit the Kingdom unleſs his terms be complied with,

RESOLVED, That this Board will allow to the ſaid Chappell, the ſum of 5s. 5d. per week for one year, to make up the 1l. 1s. 8d. demanded by the ſaid Print-cutter.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee on ſeveral Certificates relating to Samuel Farlow, being read, juſtifying himſelf in relation to a complaint made againſt him by John Dawſon, of Newry, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find by the Certificates now before us, that the ſaid Farlow had been tried at the laſt Aſſizes for the County of Armagh, for the crime charged againſt him by John Dawſon, and fairly acquitted, though the ſaid Dawſon, in a Letter dated the 30th of March laſt, inſinuates that the ſaid Farlow brought on his trial when the ſaid Dawſon was ſick.

As there are ſeveral other Certificates laid before this Board by ſome perſons of note, and ſeveral Dealers of good ſubſtance, your Committee are of opinion that on Farlow's giving new Security before John Moore, of Drumbanagher, or Robert Roſs of Roſtrevor, Eſqrs. a new Commiſſion and Inſtructions be ſigned for him, and his Seals returned him.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3d, 1727.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that where any complaint is made againſt a Lapper, and that a Letter has been wrote to him to attend this Board to anſwer ſuch complaint, and that ſuch Lapper ſhall either neglect to anſwer ſuch Letter, or ſhall fail to attend to anſwer ſuch complaint, in ſuch caſe, Letters ſhall be wrote to the Bail of ſuch Lapper by the firſt Poſt after ſuch failure, or neglect, informing them that if he does not obey ſuch ſummons their Bonds ſhall be put in Suit.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of any three of the Truſtees, be a Committee to conſider of proper Inſtructions to be give to Lappers, to regulate and aſcertain the breadths of Linen Cloths.

A Letter from James Stevenſon of Dungannon, being read, deſiring that William Spires may be appointed Lapper for the County of Tyrone, in the room of John Duffie,

Duffie, and that the Seals of the ſaid John Duffie, may be altered to William Spires, and Certificates in favour of the ſaid Spires, being alſo read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Public Lapper in the County of Tyrone, on his giving the Security of 100l. for the due execution of his Office, and that on Duffie's returning his Commiſſion, Inſtructions and Seals into the Office, the name belonging to the Seals be altered from Duffie to Spires.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th, 1727.

RESOLVED, That the Committee appointed to conſider of proper Inſtructions to be given to Lappers, to regulate and aſcertain the breadths of Linen Cloths, be alſo deſired to conſider of a proper method or form to be uſed by the Lappers, in the returns they make of the Cloths lapped by them each ſeaſon, in which columns may be reſerved for the number of the Cloth lapped, the time of lapping, perſons for whom lapped, and the hundred of the Linen ſo lapped, in order to diſcover any damages Linen may have received after lapping, to the prejudice of the Lappers.

Richard Robinſon having attended according to order, to anſwer the complaint made againſt him, was called in, and Mr. Hamilton who complained of the ſaid Cloth, and both of them being examined, and Robinſon alledging that the Cloth had received the damage complained of, ſince his lapping the ſaid Cloth,

RESOLVED, That Richard Robinſon ſhall pay to Mr. Hamilton, the ſum of 3l. the price of the damaged Cloth, and that Robinſon take the ſaid Cloth for his own uſe, and that Mr. Hamilton do acquaint Robinſon from whom he purchaſed the Cloth, to the intent he may diſcover by whom the Fraud was committed, in order to juſtify himſelf, which it is expected he will do by the 1ſt of Auguſt next, otherwiſe he ſhall be farther proceeded againſt.

Mr. Coote having laid before the Board the Articles to be perfected by Mr. Reeves, of the Lands of Ball's-Bridge, with the amendments propoſed to be made thereto, the ſame were approved of with thoſe amendments, that the ſaid Leaſe do commence from the 24th of this inſtant, and that he be allowed 25s. more Rent than was at firſt agreed on, the Land on ſurveying containing a quarter of an acre more than it was given in for, being at the rate of 5l. per acre, per annum.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ſt, 1727.

Mr. Juſtice Coote having laid before the Board a ſample of ſome Yarn brought to a good colour in a ſhort time, by the Lixivium prepared by Mr. Daniel Chappell, and at the ſame time informing the Board, that to make an experiment of the coſt and uſefulneſs of the ſaid Lixivium, it will be neceſſary to provide a Copper-ſtill, commonly called a Bolt-head, which will coſt about 14l. and that if ſuch a one was provided for him, he would give an account of the ſucceſs thereof to the Board; the ſaid ſum was ordered accordingly.

SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1727.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write to the ſeveral Itinerant Men, to let them know, that by their oath, they are obliged to make returns of their Proceedings in the country, which they have failed to do; and that their ſalaries ſhall be ſtopped till they make ſuch returns.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher take notice of the above Order, and pay no ſalaries till ſuch returns are made.

The Petition of Charles Taylor, Hatchel-maker, being read, ſetting forth, that he was under confinement at the ſuit of the Corporation of Smiths of this City, for intruſion, and praying the aſſiſtance of this Board,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher give in bail for the ſaid Taylor, if he be taken on a perſonal action, or if otherwiſe, that he give directions to Mr. Matthews, the Attorney, to take him out of cuſtody by an *habeas corpus*.

SATURDAY, JULY 29th, 1727.

ORDERED, That the ſeveral Coppers and other utenſils purchaſed by this Board for the uſe of Daniel Chappell, be marked with their Stamp.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1727.

RESOLVED, That Philip Chappell and Joſeph Chappell, be the two perſons agreed to by the Board, to be taken as apprentices by Daniel Chappell, purſuant to his Articles.

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 20l. to be paid to Daniel Chappell, for his having taken Philip Chappell and Joſeph Chappell, as apprentices, purſuant to his articles.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee on Jacob Goff's Memorial, in behalf of himſelf and Company, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Jacob Goff, in behalf of himſelf and Company, propoſing to carry on a conſiderable Boſs Manufacture in the City of Dublin, and praying encouragement for ſo doing, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that they propoſe to keep a capital ſtock of 2000l. employed in a Boſs Manufacture in the City of Dublin, provided this Board will allow them 5l. per cent. per annum, for all ſuch Boſs prepared and vended by them, at 13s. per bundle, as ſhall appear to amount to any ſum not exceeding 100l. per annum, for ſeven years.

As your Committee finds, that ſince this Board has encouraged Joſhua Carleton and Company, in making Boſs at Coote-Hill, the price of foreign Boſs has been reduced very conſiderably, which we conceive, is owing to the lowering of the price of Joſhua Carleton and Company's Boſs, and as the Boſs made by Carleton and Company has prevented the importation of ſo much, and as by this trade, if enlarged, the Subjects of this Kingdom may in time ſupply foreign Markets, and promote to themſelves a new, beneficial branch of commerce,

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that on Jacob Goff and Company's entering into the like Articles entered into by Joſhua Carleton and Company, and further covenanting, that all the Boſs they ſhall ſell, ſhall be at no higher price than 13s. per bundle, they be allowed a premium of 5l. per cent. for the 2000l. which they propoſe to keep employed, or for ſuch part rateably thereof, as ſhall appear to the Board to have been employed by them, during ſeven years, to be accounted from Michaelmas next, in the making of the ſaid Boſs, this Truſt ſo long ſubſiſting.

The Report of the Committee on Robert Jeſs's Memorial, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Robert Jeſs, late of Mancheſter, Thread-man, praying encouragement for making coloured and white Thread, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by his Memorial, that he has made ſome patterns of Threads, (though under very great diſadvantages, he being a ſtranger in the country, and not having proper conveniencies) which have been laid before this Board, and afterwards ſold by Thomas Jolly to perſons dealing therein, which gave ſo great ſatisfaction, that they declared they would not buy any foreign Thread, if they could be provided with ſuch, and at the ſame prices: he alſo informs this Board, that he has received from Mr. Juſtice Coote, the ſum of 4l. 6s. 6d. of caſh belonging to this Board, which he has laid out in the purchaſe of Yarn, Drugs, Utenſils, &c. to a very great diſadvantage, he being a ſtranger, and obliged to pay for every thing at the deareſt rates; but that he has now procured a convenient place for carrying on the ſaid Manufacture, therefore prays this Board would lend him a Mill and Utenſils.

We likewiſe find by a Certificate, ſigned by ſeveral of the Dealers in the ſaid commodity in the City of Dublin, that they have purchaſed ſome of his Threads, which they approve of, and that they are the beſt they had ſeen made in this Kingdom; and if the ſaid Manufacture was encouraged here, it would be of great ſervice to the Public.

Your Committee conceives, that the encouraging ſuch a trade here, may be a farther advancement to the Linen Manufacture, and in time hinder the importation of ſuch foreign Threads; we are therefore of opinion, that the Thread-mill and Utenſils be provided for him at the expence of this Board, and be lent him, as he deſires, on his entering into contract to carry on the ſaid Manufacture for ſeven years.

Complaint being made by Mr. Juſtice Coote, that Mr. Foſſett in Pill-Lane, had a piece of Cloth ſtamped by a Lapper in the County of Tyrone, which is very defective,

Resolved, That Mr. Foſſett be directed to lay the ſaid piece of Cloth before the next Board.

SATURDAY, October 7th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee on Thomas Parkinſon's Affidavits of the ſtate of Thomas Croſbie's Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures at Ballyhige in the County of Kerry, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee is of opinion, for the full ſatisfaction of this Board, that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Croſbie, directing him to ſend up to this Board a particular account, what number of hands he has kept employed in his Manufactures; and alſo what quantity of Hemp has been beat at his Hemp-mill, for the country, at 12d. per Ct. weight.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Ann Hoggart, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Ann Hoggart, deſiring a ſet of Flax hatchels, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by her Petition, that ſhe was bred to the hatchelling of Flax, under her father John Sutton, Itinerant Man in the County of Londonderry, and Mr. Jolly being called in, acquainted your Committee, that ſhe wrought very well at the ſaid Trade, and was now employed by him in the ſaid buſineſs,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that a ſet of Flax-hatchels be lent her, on her giving ſecurity to return them when demanded.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider ſome Certificates in favour of ſeveral perſons, in order to their being appointed Lappers, wherein they alſo propoſe a method for preventing an abuſe frequently committed by the Lappers, being read,

Ordered, That it be re-committed to Thurſday's Committee.

The Petition of William Gillalan, Lapper in the County of Antrim, in anſwer to the Complaint made againſt him by Michael Hacket, being read, as alſo the ſaid Hacket's Certificate, being read, informing the Board, that he had received full ſatisfaction for the damage by him ſuſtained in the four pieces of Cloth he complained of, which were lapped and ſtamped by the ſaid Gillalan; and whereas it appears on the books, that the ſaid Gillalan had once before been accuſed for miſbehaviour in his office of Lapper, for which he paid a fine, and this being a ſecond fault of the ſame nature,

Resolved, That the ſaid Gillalan be diſcharged from his office of Lapper; and that he be directed to deliver his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions into the Office.

WEDNESDAY, October 25th, 1727.

A Memorial to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, being read, was agreed to, ſigned, and is as follows:

To their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, General and General Governors of Ireland.

The *Memorial* of the *Truſtees* of the *Linen* and *Hempen Manufactures*,

Sheweth,

That on ſtating the Accompts of this Board, and ſtriking a balance with the Treaſury at Lady-day laſt, we found the ſaid balance to be 4383l. 9s. 6¼d. that the money drawn on the Treaſury from that time to Michaelmas laſt, has amounted to 2577l. 6s. 4¼d. which, deducted out of the balance due at Lady-day laſt, there will ſtill remain due to this Board of the ſaid balance, the ſum of 1806l. 3s. 2d. over and above the accruing duties; which for the Midſummer and Michaelmas quarters, in the Port of Dublin only, have amounted to the ſum of 1371l. 12s. 9d. as may appear by the Examinator's Certificate; and alſo, excluſive of the proportionable ſhare of 2000l. granted by the Money-bill for the purchaſe of Flax and Hemp-ſeed, which ſum, in the half-year ending at Michaelmas laſt, may be computed at 1000l. ſo that the balance due to this Board at Michaelmas laſt, will at leaſt amount to the ſum of 4177l. 15s. 11d.

And whereas your Memorialiſts find, that the ſeveral additional duties and ſums of money granted by Parliament for the improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, are particularly appropriated to that ſervice, and to no other uſe whatſoever, we are ſurpriſed to find, that the Deputy-Vice-Treaſurer has applied thoſe ſums to other uſes, inſomuch, that a Warrant of 500l. drawn in July laſt, part of the above ſum of 2577l. 6s. 4¼d. and which has often been ſince demanded, ſtill remains unpaid.

And whereas your Memorialiſts have entered into ſeveral contracts and engagements for the payment of ſeveral ſums of

of money, and that the neglecting to anſwer ſuch engagements, will be a great diſcredit to your Memorialiſts, and diſcouragement to the Linen Manufacture, and lay the perſons contracted with under great difficulties;

We therefore hope your Excellencies will give direction for the payment of ſuch ſums of money, as are due to your Memorialiſts, as we ſhall have occaſion to draw for the ſame.

SATURDAY, November 11th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee on Michael Scrutton's Petition, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Michael Scrutton, Itinerant Man for the County of Tipperary, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find he ſets forth, that he had taken an apprentice, and inſtructed him in the art of Flax-dreſſing, but as there is no Truſtee within twenty miles of him, he had not the directions of any Truſtee for his ſo doing, to entitle him to the uſual allowance, and as he now propoſes to take another apprentice, he deſires the Board would make ſuch order therein, as may entitle him to the premium allowed to others on like occaſions.

We find by the rules of the Board, that if any Itinerant Hemp and Flax-man, ſhall take into his ſervice an apprentice, by the approbation of one or more of the Truſtees, under his or their hands, and inſtruct him in all the arts of Flax and Hemp-dreſſing, ſuch Itinerant Man ſhall be paid 2l. for every apprentice ſo taught or inſtructed, and as there is no Truſtee near him to grant him ſuch Certificate,

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that he be directed to ſend up to this Board, the perſon's name whom he is to take apprentice, together with a Certificate of ſome Juſtice of the Peace, that ſuch perſon is willing to be inſtructed, for the approbation of the Board.

FRIDAY, November 17th, 1727.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have ordered five hundred hogſheads of foreign Flax-ſeed to be imported for the ſervice of the enſuing ſeaſon,

This is to give notice, that the Truſtees will give out the ſaid Seed to ſuch perſons as are inclined to ſow the ſame, on the following terms:

They will contract with any perſon for ſowing one acre and quarter of land, plantation meaſure, with Flax-ſeed this ſeaſon, and allow one hogſhead of Seed for ſowing the ſame; and a ſufficient quantity of Seed for ſowing any larger quantity of land, but will not contract for any leſs quantity than one acre and quarter.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition and Account of Daniel Deaſe, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Daniel Deaſe, with his account of Thread Stockings made and ſold by him in the year ending the 8th of October laſt, and praying the premium due to him for making the ſaid Stockings, as alſo a farther encouragement for making Thread Stockings, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, by his agreement with this Board, he was obliged to keep twelve Looms employed, and turn out five hundred and ſixteen dozen pair of Stockings out of the ſaid Looms in the year; and to ſell for exportation, two thouſand and ſixty-four pair in the year; in conſideration of which, he was to be allowed 15l. per annum.

We find by his account, that he has kept the twelve Looms he was obliged to keep, employed; and ſold for exportation, one hundred and eleven dozen pair of Stockings; to private perſons, one hundred fifty-eight dozen nine pair; and that he has in ſtock, undiſpoſed of, ninety dozen ſix pair; making in the whole, three hundred ſixty-one dozen pair of Stockings, though he was obliged to turn out five hundred and ſixteen dozen; by which we find, there is a deficiency of one hundred and fifty-five dozen; but your Committee find, that the ſaid deficiency has been occaſioned by his being obliged to make fine Stockings to anſwer the Markets, in the ſtead of the coarſe ones he firſt undertook to make; and that he has expended more money in the making thoſe fine goods, than he formerly had done in any one year when he made a larger quantity.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that he be paid 15l. the year's allowance due to him for making the ſaid Stockings, ending the 8th of October laſt; and that when this Board ſhall think proper to conſider of giving him farther encouragement, they oblige him to ſell his Stockings at ſome certain rate.

SATURDAY, November 25th, 1727.

The Report of the Committee to whom a former Report of a Committee appointed to conſider ſome Certificates in favour of ſeveral perſons, in order to their being appointed Lappers, was re-committed, and which Committee was alſo directed to conſider of a proper method for preventing an abuſe frequently committed by Lappers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee to whom a former Report of a Committee appointed to conſider ſome Certificates in favour of ſeveral perſons, in order to their being appointed Lappers, was re-committed, and wherein a method alſo is propoſed, for preventing an abuſe frequently committed by the Lappers, have met and conſidered the ſame.

And whereas there have been Certificates in favour of one James Laird, of the Pariſh of Donoghendry, and County of Tyrone, laid before the ſaid Committee, for appointing him a public Lapper in the ſaid County, and whereas on enquiry, we find that there are three Lappers already appointed for that Pariſh,

We are therefore of opinion, that he be appointed a public Lapper in the ſaid Pariſh and County, on the firſt vacancy.

And whereas the Lappers very frequently in the lapping and ſtamping of Cloths, when they are bad, fix only the Stamp of the Harp and Crown and County, and leave a little of the end out to view, and never put their name to it; the buyer imagining that the Lapper's name is fixed under the Harp and Crown, and lapped in the Cloth, ſeeing part of the Stamp, believes all is fair, when upon opening the Cloth, it proves bad, and no Lapper's name fixed to it, ſo that the buyer does not know what Lapper to ſue for damage.

Your Committee is of opinion, that a new Stamp (a pattern of which lies before us) be provided for each Lapper at the expence of this Board; and that they be directed to deliver into this office, their preſent Stamps of Harp, Crown, County, and their name; and that they be di-

rected to ſtamp the Cloths with the new, as they do with their preſent Stamps, with this difference, that the ends be ſtamped with the ſame Red Liquor that is now uſed to ſtamp the Lap-yard, which will effectually remedy the preſent abuſe, the Harp, Crown, County and Lapper's name, being in one Stamp.

We are likewiſe of opinion, that Thomas Hartwell, the Seal-cutter, be directed to attend this Board on Saturday next, to be treated with as to the price of the ſaid Stamps, and if agreed with, that then he be directed immediately to ſet about making them, that they may be ready for the Lappers in the Spring.

Thomas Hartwell, the Seal-cutter, being called in, was agreed with at 8s. 6d. per Seal, and allowed the old Stamps, in conſideration of the great number that are to be provided; and it was farther agreed, that any new Lappers that ſhould take out Seals, ſhould pay the ſame prices that have been hitherto paid him for the ſame.

A Complaint being made by Mr. Mondett againſt Thomas Jolly, for ſelling ſome Flax deceitfully made up, by putting Flax of a different ſort, and not dreſſed, into the middle of the bundle,

Resolved, That the matter of the ſaid Complaint be taken into conſideration at the next Board.

SATURDAY, December 2d, 1727.

The Board having taken into conſideration the Complaint made againſt Thomas Jolly at the laſt Board,

Resolved, That Jolly be ſuſpended from his ſalary, till he make a ſubmiſſion to Mr. Mondett for the abuſive language given by him to the ſaid Mr. Mondett's ſervant; and make ſuch ſatisfaction to him for the faulty Flax ſold him, as Mondett ſhall be ſatisfied with.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Richard Hall, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Hall's Memorial, propoſing to ſend to Holland for ſome Dutch Boors, who underſtand the culture and raiſing of Hemp, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that a letter be wrote to Mr. John Goddard of Rotterdam, deſiring he may inform this Board, on what terms one or more Dutch Boors who underſtand the culture and raiſing of Hemp, may be had; and if by his anſwer, we find that he is either unable or unwilling to procure them, we are then of opinion, that a letter be wrote to Vanderlaand, the Bleacher, who will be then in Holland, with directions to procure them on ſuch terms as this Board ſhall think proper; together with a Letter of credit for him to Mr. Goddard, to ſupply him with money as there ſhall be occaſion.

SATURDAY, December 16th, 1727.

A Letter from Mr. Mondett, being read, ſetting forth, that Mr. Jolly had made him ſatisfaction on the Complaint made againſt him by the ſaid Mr. Mondett, for ſome faulty Flax ſold him by the ſaid Jolly, and deſiring that Jolly may be reſtored to his office from which he was ſuſpended for the ſaid offence, by an Order of the 2d inſtant, and the Petition of Thomas Jolly being alſo read, praying to be reſtored to his ſaid employment,

Resolved, That Thomas Jolly be reſtored to his office on Mr. Mondett's requeſt.

MONDAY, January 8th, 1727—28.

Resolved, That this Board will give 4s. per buſhel, to the perſons propoſing to ſell Hemp ſeed of the growth of this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, January 13th, 1727—28.

Two Letters from Mr. John Goddard of Rotterdam, being read, informing the Board, on what terms Dutch Boors may be ſent over for the inſtructing of the Farmers of this Kingdom, in the propereſt methods for raiſing Hemp,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Goddard, to inform him, that the men he propoſes to ſend over, are not at preſent for the purpoſe of this Board, the ſeaſon of the year being ſo far advanced; but that he be deſired to make farther enquiry, on what terms they may be had againſt Auguſt next; and further, that he be informed, that in a little time he ſhall hear more from this Board on that ſubject.

SATURDAY, January 20th, 1727—28.

Mr. Daniel Chappell having laid before the Board an Advertiſement, informing the Public of the prices he demands for dying Linen-yarn, and deſiring the Board may give a ſanction to the ſame by printing it,

Ordered, That the ſaid Advertiſement be referred to a Committee, and that they report their opinion thereon to this Board.

SATURDAY, January 27th, 1727—28.

The Board, according to the laſt Orders, proceeded to conſider the diſtribution of the Flax-ſeed to be imported this ſeaſon.

Whereas there are five hundred hogſheads of Flax-ſeed to be imported this ſeaſon, and that on an equal dividend of the ſaid Seed, the proportional ſhare to each County will amount to fifteen hogſheads,

Resolved, That where any County ſhall demand no more than fifteen hogſheads, the demands of that County ſhall be allowed, and no deduction made from it.

SATURDAY, February 3d, 1727—28.

The Report of the Committee on an Advertiſement laid before this Board by Daniel Chappell, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider an Advertiſement laid before this Board by Daniel Chappell, informing the Public, of the prices he demands for dying Linen-yarn, and printing or ſtamping Linen-cloth, and deſiring the Board may give a ſanction to the ſame, by printing it, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that the ſaid Advertiſement ſhould not be printed, nor any other relating to that matter, wherein the name of the Truſtees ſhall be mentioned, but that Chappell be at liberty to print ſuch Advertiſement in his own name, as he ſhall think proper.

SATURDAY, February 24th, 1727—28.

The Report of the Committee to whom a former Report of a Committee on the Petition of John Nicholſon was recommitted, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We find that he has already done great ſervices to the Linen Manufacture, and that 100l. be paid him for his paſt ſervices.

And

And as the encouraging his Bleach-yard may be of ſervice to the public, by improving the colours of our Linens, your Committee are of opinion that to enable him to carry on his Bleach-yard to the beſt perfection both for Linens and Yarn, that the ſum of 50l. be given him to enable him to build a Dry-houſe, which ſhall be ninety-two feet long and twenty feet wide, and that two large Coppers, eight Keives, a Wringing-engine and a Cold-preſs, be provided for him at the expence of this Board, on his entering into contract to keep his Bleach-yard in good order and repair for ſeven years.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Turner, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Thomas Turner, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he ſets forth in his Petition, that he has diſcovered a new method of bleaching Linen Cloth, and propoſes to bleach Linen in half the time, and with half the expence uſed by other Bleachers, for which end he has taken a Bleach-yard of about four acres from John Hoope, near Lurgan, at 15l. per annum, and prays this Board would pay the rent of the ſaid Bleach-yard for three years, as alſo 20l. to be lodged in Mr. Hoope's hands for making ſome alterations and additional utenſils, which are wanting in the Buck-houſe; we have alſo had ſeveral Certificates laid before us in his favour.

Your Committee are of opinion that he be allowed 5l. in hand, and that 15l. be lodged in the hands of John Hoope of Lurgan, to be by him laid out in buying Keives and utenſils for the Bleach-yard of the ſaid Thomas Turner, as he ſhall have occaſion for them, to enable him to go on in his methods of bleaching, and that he be farther conſidered and rewarded in proportion to the ſervices, his methods of bleaching ſhall be to the public, which by this Summer's experience he ſhall have given this Board ſatisfactory proof thereof.

ORDERED, That a Boat be hired at 40s. to carry ſuch quantity of the Flax-ſeed as now lies at Newry, and is deſigned for thoſe parts of the County of Down which lie about Belfaſt and Killough, to thoſe ports reſpectively.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, 1727—28.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider John Gaſper-Reale's account of his making Pot-aſhes of Kelp, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider John Gaſper-Reale's account of his making Pot-aſhes of Kelp, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he has returned into the Office ſome patterns of Pot-aſhes made of Furze-aſhes.

Your Committee is of opinion that the ſaid patterns of Pot-aſhes be delivered to Richard Hall, and that he be directed to report his opinion of them to this Board.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of William Murray, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of William Murray, praying this Board to allow him two Hempen Looms, and an Engine for wringing of Yarn, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by his petition, that for ſome years paſt he has employed his time in the Linen Trade, and is now furniſhed with a convenient Shop and Bleach-yard, at Waringſtown in the County of Down, but of late has been encouraged by ſeveral merchants and others in Belfaſt, to attempt the making of Sail-cloth, which he is determined to do, and will this ſeaſon ſow one hogſhead of Hemp-ſeed granted him by this Board, and therefore deſires two Hempen Looms may be lent him, as alſo an Engine for wringing of Yarn; and as Mr. Waring has informed this Board that he is a careful and an induſtrious man,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that on his entering into a Contract to keep two Looms conſtantly employed for ſeven years, from the day of next, in weaving Hempen Sail-cloth, of the growth and Manufacture of this Kingdom, from twenty-four to thirty inches broad, and not under twenty-four inches broad, in imitation of Holland's Duck, and turn out of each of the ſaid Looms yearly, at leaſt one thouſand yards of ſuch Cloth, as alſo to keep the ſaid Wringing-engine conſtantly employed and in good repair during the ſaid term, and likewiſe that he be obliged to return the ſaid Looms and Engine when demanded; two of the Sail-cloth Looms now at the Linen Hall made by John Smith be lent him, and that the ſaid Smith be directed to make a Wringing-engine for him at the expence of this Board.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Moles, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find by his propoſal this day laid before us, that he hath for ſeven years paſt been employed in making ſtriped Hollands, and whereas for the moſt part of the ſaid term, he was obliged to uſe Silk (for want of coloured Yarn which would hold the colour), which has been a great detriment to the ſaid branch, but as Mr. Chappell's colours in Linen Yarn are much better for wearing and waſhing than Silk, he propoſes on this Board's granting him two Looms with neceſſary utenſils, and the ſum of 20l. to enable him to carry on the ſaid trade, to turn out fifteen hundred yards of the ſaid ſtriped Hollands yearly, of as fine if not finer than hath been made in this City, and alſo that he will give ſecurity for his performance:

Your Committee are of opinion, that on his entering into contract with good ſecurity to perform what he ſets forth in his ſaid Petition, that two Looms be lent him, but that no ſum of money as Stock be allowed him.

Two Letters from Mr. Boyle to Mr. Lenox, being read, as alſo a Letter from Mr. Simon Davis, deſiring to know the Reſolutions of this Board, as to the ſetting up Mills for dreſſing of Hemp,

ORDERED, That Mr. Barrett's account of materials for building ſuch a Mill be ſent to Mr. Boyle, and that he be deſired to inform the Board at what prices thoſe materials can be afforded at the place where ſuch Mill is propoſed to be built, and that he be informed that Mr. Barrett will ſoon be ſent down on the return of his anſwer, and that he be farther informed that it is the opinion of this Board, that whoever has a Mill built for them at the expence of this Board, ſhall be under covenant to dreſs all Hemp that ſhall be brought to their Mill at a certain price, and that he be deſired to give his opinion what may be reaſonable rates, and that the ſaid perſon ſhall be obliged to keep the ſaid Mill in good and ſufficient repair, and keep the ſame employed for the ſpace of twenty-one years.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, March 16th, 1727—28.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider what proportion of the annual Fund of this Board, may be proper for this Board to lay out in the purchaſe of Cheque-reels, to ſupply the ſpinners of this Kingdom, in order to engage them to reel their Yarn ſtatutably, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that three hundred Reels be made and provided for each County, which for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom will amount to nine thouſand ſix hundred Reels, and in order to have the ſaid Reels well and ſufficiently made, we are of opinion, that the ſum of 2s. 6d. be allowed for each Reel, or 2l. 10s. per ſcore, the whole charge whereof, will amount to 1200l. which your Committee are of opinion is as much as can be ſpared of the annual Fund for that uſe; we are alſo of opinion, that application be made to gentlemen in the ſeveral Counties, to know if they can procure perſons who will undertake to make them at the prices aforeſaid, in their reſpective Counties.

Your Committee are farther of opinion, that no money be advanced to any undertaker, nor any money paid for the ſaid Reels but as they are made and delivered out, and that no payment be made for a leſs number than forty in any one payment; and in order to have the ſaid Reels diſtributed in ſuch a manner as may be of moſt advantage to the public, we are of opinion, that this Board name a certain number of gentlemen in each County; who ſhall have the diſtribution of them, with directions to them to give them among the poor people about them only.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Mr. John Hynes, being read, was agreed to with an amendment, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial and propoſal of Mr. John Hynes, propoſing to ſet up a conſiderable Linen Manufacture at Laneſborough, in the County of Longford, and deſiring encouragement for the ſame, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he propoſes to erect on or before the 24th of June next, forty Looms in Laneſborough aforeſaid; and likewiſe propoſes to have one or more perſon or perſons, taught by Mr. Richard Hall at Drumcondra, the methods of bleaching after the Dutch manner, and will follow the ſaid methods of Bleaching.

Resolved, That no money be allowed to Mr. Hynes for his Bleach-yard and Buck-houſe; but if he will enter into Contract to bring over from Holland a Bleacher well ſkilled in the Dutch methods of Bleaching, who ſhall bleach after the beſt manner uſed at Harlem, and ſhall bring ſuch Cloths as he ſhall bleach to as good a colour as thoſe whitened in Holland, and ſhall be under Contract to ſtay in this Kingdom for three years and follow the ſaid trade, and inſtruct three apprentices in the beſt methods of bleaching uſed in Holland, that then Mr. Hynes be allowed the ſum of 40l. per annum for three years, as wages for the ſaid Bleacher.

Resolved, That after the ſaid three years, he the ſaid Mr. Hynes be obliged to carry on the bleaching Trade after the Dutch manner for ſeven years, at his own expence, without any farther encouragement from this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Hynes be obliged to ſend ſome pieces of his bleaching every year during the firſt three years, to be laid before this Board.

SATURDAY, March 23d, 1727—28.

Resolved, That any three of the Truſtees preſent be a Committee, to view a Rolling-engine made by Richard Holden for the preſſing and ſmoothing of Linens, on their being taken off the Bleach-yard, in order to their being made up, which Engine now lies at the Linen Hall, and that they meet on Monday, and report their opinion thereon to this Board.

THURSDAY, March 28th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee appointed to view Richard Holden's Rolling-engine, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to view a Rolling-engine made by Richard Holden, for the preſſing and ſmoothing of Linens on their being taken off the Bleach-yard, in order to their being made up, have met and examined the ſame, and have had two pieces of Linen Cloth rolled on the ſaid Engine before us, and are of opinion that the ſaid Engine will ſupply the place of the Calenders and Beetling-beams, and will be of great uſe to the Manufactures of this Kingdom, and the perſon who invented and made the ſaid Engine, deſerves an encouragement from this Board for the ſame.

Richard Holden's charge of the ſaid Engine, being alſo read, and the ſaid charge amounting to 7l. 17s. 6d. and the Board having taken into conſideration what gratuity may be proper to be given to the ſaid Holden for his invention,

Resolved, That 27l. 17s. 6d. be paid to the ſaid Holden, being 7l. 17s. 6d. for the coſt of making the ſaid Engine, and 20l. for a gratuity to him for his ſaid invention.

Resolved, That a farther gratuity be given to the ſaid Holden for his ſaid invention, in caſe it prove to be of as general uſe to the Kingdom as it is now apprehended.

SATURDAY, March 30th, 1728.

Resolved, That no Petitions for any ſum or ſums of money be received by the Clerk, till the ſtate of the Fund be laid before the Board.

SATURDAY, April 13th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee on John Wadſworth's Letter, to the Right Hon. William Conolly, Eſq; and his Petition addreſſed to the Honourable the Houſe of Commons, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider a Letter ſigned John Wadſworth, and directed to the Right Hon. William Conolly, Eſq; Speaker of the Honourable the Houſe of Commons in Dublin, together with a Petition of the ſaid Wadſworth, addreſſed to the Rt. Hon. and Hon. the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that the ſaid Wadſworth ſets forth in his Petition, that he hath invented a Spinning-engine, to ſpin much finer, evener, and ſtronger Thread in Linen, Cotton, and Worſted, than any other Spinning-Wheel now in uſe, as alſo a Slea for all ſorts of woven Linens,

Linens, Cottons, Silks, and Woollens, by uſing of which, all the ſaid Manufactures will be much evener and ſtronger than thoſe made with the Sleas now made uſe of, all which he is willing to put in practice if encouraged.

Your Committee are of opinion, that a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Wadſworth, directing him to wait on Mr. St. George and Mr. Macartney, Members of this Board, who are now in London, and to let them ſee his ſaid Engines, and on their Report to this Board that the ſaid Engines are of uſe, then this Board will farther conſider his Petition.

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to Mr. St. George and Mr. Macartney, to inform them of the Letter wrote to Wadſworth, and of the deſire of this Board, that they would enquire into the uſefulneſs of the ſaid Engines, and report their opinion thereon to this Board.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, in order to engage all Spinners of Linen Yarn, to reel their Yarn according to the Statutes in that caſe made and provided, have come to a reſolution to provide nine thouſand ſix hundred Cheque-reels, to be diſtributed through the Kingdom, which on an equal dividend comes to three hundred Reels to each County. And whereas, the ſaid Truſtees have come to a farther reſolution, to pay to ſuch perſons as ſhall undertake to make the ſaid Reels, at the rate of 2s. 6d. per Reel, or 2l. 10s. per ſcore.

This is to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees are ready to receive propoſals from any perſons who are willing to undertake the making of the ſaid Reels at the price aforeſaid. Any perſons who have a mind to contract for providing the ſaid Reels, for any one or more Counties, are deſired to ſend in their propoſals to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen Office, in the Caſtle of Dublin.

The Petition of Henry Carroll, Lapper, in the County of Armagh, being read, complaining that Mr. Blacker had granted one Hugh Beard, a warrant againſt him, for ſtamping a piece of Linen Cloth without an oath, and that the ſaid Beard makes it his common practice to harraſs the Lappers in the County of Armagh, and that the ſaid Beard is a man of a bad character,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Blacker, and that he be deſired to inform this Board how the ſaid matter ſtands.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Robert Clayton, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Robert Clayton, of the City of Dublin, Bleacher, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he ſets forth in the ſaid Petition, that he has loſt by a ſudden and unexpected flood which broke into his Bleach-yard, to the value of upwards of 500l. worth of Yarn, Thread, and Cloth, and that, by the aſſiſtance of his employers, he has taken from Paul Johnſton the Bleach-yard at Chapel-Izod, for one year, but being in no capacity to carry on the ſaid buſineſs without help, prays ſuch encouragement as ſhall be thought proper.

Your Committee are of opinion that if encouragement be given to, or that the Board take into their conſideration private loſſes, this Board will become a Board of charity, rather than a Board of encouragement of the Linen Manufacture.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That the Biſhop of Meath, the Biſhop of Elphin, Mr. Juſtice Coote, Sir Thomas Taylor, Sir William Fownes, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Waring, be a Committee to meet on Wedneſday next, to conſider of proper regulations for the Linen Hall, and that they adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, as they ſhall think fit, and that they draw up their thoughts thereon, for the farther conſideration of this Board.

ORDERED, That notice be given to the ſeveral Factors and Traders in the City, to attend the ſaid Committee.

SATURDAY, MAY 18th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That it be an inſtruction to your Committees, that no Propoſal be received for erecting new Bleach-yards, and providing utenſils, unleſs the perſon propoſing do make it appear, that he has laid out, or will lay out, two thirds of the value of the work and utenſils propoſed to be done or provided, in which valuation, the making or incloſing the ground for ſuch Bleach-yard ſhall not be included, and that no money be actually paid or given for ſuch new works, till it be made clear to the Board by oath, that ſo much has been laid out.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid order be not underſtood, to oblige this Board to give any part of ſuch value, unleſs it ſhall be found that the conſideration to be given, will be of conſiderable advantage to the Hempen or Flaxen Manufactures.

ORDERED, That where any perſon who already has, or hereafter ſhall be agreed with by this Board to carry on any work, and that the perſon has not, or ſhall not in three months after ſaid agreement, enter into a Contract of performance, that then the ſaid agreement ſhall be void.

SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of proper regulations for the Linen Hall, being read,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Report and Regulations do lie on the table for ſome time, and that copies of the ſaid Regulations be delivered to ſuch Members of this Board as ſhall deſire them.

The Board having taken into conſideration, the appointing proper officers for the Linen Hall, and fixing their ſalaries, came to the following Reſolutions, viz.

RESOLVED, That the Salary of the Clerk be 40l. per annum.

Chamberlain, 35l. per annum.

Porter for the Gate, 18l. per annum.

Meſſengers, 10l. per annum.

Watchmen, 14l. per annum.

RESOLVED, That George Sherſton be appointed Clerk to the Linen Hall, George Lâwe, Chamberlain, Henry Moone, Porter for the Gate, and John Graham, and Leonard Herd, Meſſengers during the pleaſure of this Board.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk and Chamberlain, do each of them give in 500l. Security, for the faithful diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in them, and that the Porter for the Gate, give 100l. ſecurity for his performance.

RESOLVED, That a Committee do meet on Tueſday next at eleven o'clock, to conſider of proper perſons to be appointed

appointed Factors in the Linen Hall, and that the ſeveral applications from perſons on that head be referred to the ſame Committee, and that they adjourn to the Linen Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ſt, 1728.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of proper perſons to be appointed Factors in the Linen Hall, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of proper perſons to be appointed *Factors* in the Linen Hall, as alſo to conſider ſeveral applications on that head, have met and conſidered the ſame, and had ſeveral Petitions and Certificates from perſons applying to be appointed Factors read, and ſome of the perſons ſo applying, being called in and examined,

Your Committee are of opinion, that William Stephenſon and Robert Montgomery, be appointed Factors in the Linen Hall, and that on Richard Holden's producing to this Board Certificates, that he is qualified for the ſaid employ, that he then be alſo appointed a Factor on their giving ſecurity to diſcharge the Truſts repoſed in them.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th, 1728.

Samuel Waring, Eſq; informed the Board, that William Murray who was granted a Wringing-engine, could not get a Net for the ſaid Engine, and moved that Mr. Hall ſhould be ordered to make one.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Hall be directed to make a Net for William Murray, for his Wringing-engine, at the expence of this Board.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22d, 1728.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Caleb Hillary, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Caleb Hillary, of Lurgan, Carpenter, praying an Engine for preſſing of Linen Cloths, according to the Model by him laid before this Board, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that on his producing the Certificates of William Brownlow and Samuel Waring, Eſqrs. that he has made and improved the ſaid Engine, and that the ſame will be of ſervice to the Linen Trade, he then be paid what expence he ſhall be at in making the ſaid Engine, not exceeding 11l. 10s. and that it be alſo lent him during the pleaſure of this Board.

The Memorial of William Murray, of Waringſtown, Linen-draper, being read, informing the Board that the Iron-furnace he now makes uſe of, for bleaching Linens and Diapers, will not do for the Hempen Manufacture he is erecting, and therefore praying this Board would grant him a Braſs-furnace,

RESOLVED, That on his diſpoſing of the Iron-furnace he has at preſent, and purchaſing a Braſs one, this Board will pay him what he ſhall pay more, for the difference in the exchange.

SATURDAY, JULY 13th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee appointed to diſcourſe with Murtagh M'Owen, in relation to his Art of Bleaching, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

In purſuance of your order of Reference, appointing the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart. Mr. Juſtice Coote, and Samuel Waring, Eſq; or any two of them to be a Committee, to diſcourſe with Murtagh M'Owen, concerning the method he took in Bleaching the piece of Linen Cloth, which he laid before this Board, and Bleached in the compaſs of one month: We the underwriters, Thomas Coote, and Samuel Waring, met and diſcourſed with the ſaid M'Owen, (Sir Thomas Taylor being at that time from home, we had not the benefit of his aſſiſtance), and find by his the ſaid M'Owen's diſcourſe, that his method of bleaching Linen Cloth is with the ſame materials that other Bleachers generally make uſe of in Bleaching, but M'Owen's manner of uſing the materials is altogether different from what is practiſed by other Bleachers, and in our humble opinions, appears to be more rational and expeditious, and conſequently may be more cheaply and better performed, than by the common way of bleaching it can poſſibly be done. There are ſome things in his manner of bleaching, which are no where practiſed that ever we could hear of, but by himſelf, viz. his ſpreading the Linen whilſt in the bleach, on cords at ſome diſtance from the earth, and not on the graſs; this has been a method coveted by ſkilful bleachers to be rendered practicable, but none of them hitherto could bring it to practice; M'Owen has diſcovered his method of doing it to us, which ſeems to us to be very feaſible, and cheaper than the method uſed in common Bleach-yards; but in regard M'Owen has not reduced his method of bleaching to any regulation, ſo as to be able to inſtruct others in the regular making of the Lees, which he makes uſe of in bleaching, nor can inform us of the certain quantity of ingredients made uſe of by him in bleaching a piece of Cloth; your Committee are of opinion, that M'Owen be directed by the Board to repair to Ball's Bridge, and that he be furniſhed at the expence of the Board with a piece of Cloth of ſeven hundred at yard, and another piece of Cloth of thirteen hundred at yard, and a third piece of eighteen or twenty hundred at yard, each piece to be green when delivered to him; that he be obliged to bleach each of theſe pieces of Cloth in the preſence of ſuch Committee as you ſhall appoint for that purpoſe, who may take account of the materials by him uſed, and the quantity employed to the bleaching of each Cloth, by which means you may come to the knowledge of his method of bleaching, as near as the nature of bleaching can poſſibly admit of. We muſt crave leave here to obſerve to you, that in his method of bleaching as far as he has diſcovered to us, there is nothing uſed by him, that will in any ſort be injurious to Linen Cloth, but on the contrary, in our opinion, will much contribute to the ſtrengthening and beautifying of them; but in as much as your Committee were not eye-witneſſes themſelves to M'Owen's bleaching the piece which he ſhewed you, they cannot affirm that M'Owen bleached the piece of Cloth he has ſhewn in the manner he has related to us, for which reaſon, we conceive it proper he ſhould bleach the three above mentioned pieces, and if he ſucceed therein, we conceive he will deſerve your countenance and encouragement: it will be the greateſt improvement of bleaching of Linen Cloth that has hitherto been attempted in this Kingdom, for it will be a great point gained in the way of trade, to have five bleaches in a ſeaſon, as there may be if his projects ſucceed, inſtead of two in the preſent method of bleaching beſides, it will in a great meaſure reduce the expence that now attends the making of Bleach-yards.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, July 20th, 1728.

The Report of the Committee on a Form of a Contract to be entered into by ſuch perſons, as ſhall undertake to make the Reels for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, being read, the ſame was agreed upon, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Contractors give Bonds of double the value of the Reels for performance of Covenants.

We are alſo of opinion, that Edward Fitzſimons be directed to make thirty Reels, according to the pattern herewith laid before you, one of which, we are of opinion, ſhould be ſent down to each County, and delivered to the perſon who undertakes to provide the ſaid Reels, in order to have them made according to the pattern.

Articles of agreement indented, made, covenanted, concluded and agreed upon this day of in the year of our Lord between of in the county of of the one part, and Chriſtopher Uſher of the City of Dublin, Eſq; Clerk to the Right Honourable and Honourable the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, for and in behalf of the ſaid Truſtees, of the other part, as follow; viz.

Imprimis, the ſaid for the conſiderations hereafter mentioned, doth covenant, promiſe and agree, to and with the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, that he the ſaid ſhall and will deliver, or cauſe to be delivered as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall direct, to the ſeveral perſons to be appointed by the ſaid Truſtees to receive them, and at the place or places herein after mentioned, the ſeveral parcels of Cheque-reels for reeling Yarn hereafter mentioned, that is to ſay, at the town of in the County of for the uſe of the ſaid county, or ſuch other places in the ſaid county, as the perſons who are to receive them ſhall think convenient, with the conſent of him the ſaid the number of Cheque-reels, which ſaid parcel of Reels, ſhall be made of ſeaſoned Timber of the kinds hereafter mentioned; viz.

The Stocks, Standards and Box-board, to be Oak or Aſh;

The Wheel work, to be Apple-Tree, Crab-Tree, Holly or White-Thorn Cleft;

The Spokes and Croſs-Heads, to be Aſh, Alder or Birch, all of Foreſt Timber;

The Naves to be Quarter-Cleft, Aſh or Alder;

The Croſs-Heads to be ſeven inches long; and that no Bog Timber be employed in the making any of the ſaid Reels; and all the ſaid Reels to be compleatly finiſhed, in a good and workman-like manner, by him the ſaid on or before the 25th day of December next, and be delivered at the place or places aforeſaid, on or before the ſaid 25th day of December, and ſhall be of equal goodneſs and value with the pattern Cheque-reel delivered to him by the ſaid Truſtees.

Item, the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher in behalf of the ſaid Truſtees, doth hereby covenant and promiſe to and with the ſaid that he the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher, ſhall and will well and truly pay, or cauſe to be paid to the ſaid or his Aſſigns, for each and every ſuch Cheque-Reel, the ſum of 2s. 6d. and on his the ſaid delivering, or cauſing to be delivered, at the town of or ſuch other place or places, as is before ſpecified, forty or any larger number of Reels, ſtamped and marked with the Stamp of this Board, well and ſufficiently made, to ſuch perſon or perſons who ſhall be impowered to receive the ſame, he the ſaid Chriſtopher Uſher ſhall pay, or cauſe to be paid to the ſaid or his Aſſigns, the ſum which ſuch forty or larger number of Reels ſo delivered ſhall amount to, at 2s. 6d. each Reel. In witneſs whereof, the parties aforeſaid have hereunto interchangeably put their Hands and Seals, the day and year firſt above written.

Resolved, That any of the ſaid Reels which ſhall be made by order of this Board, ſhall be viewed, examined and approved of, by ſome one of the Members of this Board, who ſhall at the time of the making of ſuch Reels, be reſiding in the reſpective counties.

SATURDAY, September 28th, 1728.

Ruth Hillary having laid before the Board a piece of Linen of an extraordinary fineneſs, much beyond what has been ever yet produced to this Board, of the Manufacture of this Kingdom,

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher lay out the ſum of 5l. in the purchaſe of a piece of Plate to be given to the ſaid Ruth Hillary, as a reward to her for her extraordinary ſkill.

Ordered, That Sir Thomas Taylor and Sir William Fownes be deſired to move the Governors of the Work-houſe, at their next meeting, that this Board may have the uſe of ſome of the waſte rooms at the Work-houſe, for the lodging of Wheels and Reels, and other utenſils belonging to this Board.

THURSDAY, October 17th, 1728.

The Board proceeded to take into conſideration the Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Regulations for the Linen Hall, and having made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Regulations,

Ordered, That they be ingroſſed, to be ſigned at next Board, in order to their being laid before the Lord High Chancellor and the Chief Judges for their approbation.

TUESDAY, October 22d, 1728.

The Board proceeded to take into conſideration the Regulations for the Linen-Hall, and having gone through and amended the ſame, they were ſigned by the Board.

Ordered, That the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Laneſborough, and the Right Hon. Sir Ralph Gore, be deſired to wait on the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor and the Chief Judges, with the ſaid Regulations, for their approbation.

SATURDAY, October 26th, 1728.

The Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor having informed the Board, that he, together with the Chief Judges, had peruſed the Regulations for the Linen-Hall, and approved of them,

Ordered, That the ſaid regulations be ingroſſed, in order to their being ſigned by the Board at next meeting.

George Sherſton having propoſed Charles Braddock of Bride-ſtreet in the City of Dublin, Linen-Draper, to be his ſecurity for his performance of the Office of Clerk at the Linen-Hall, and George Law having propoſed Wm. Porter of the City of Dublin, Linen-Draper, to be his ſecurity for his performance of the Office of Chamberlain at the Linen-Hall,

Resolved, That the ſaid ſecurities be accepted.

SATURDAY, November 2d, 1728.

The Regulations for the Linen-Hall being ingroſſed, purſuant to the Orders of the laſt Board, were ſigned;

The ſaid Regulations were returned, ſigned by the Lord High Chancellor and two others of the Chief Judges, and are as follow:

Rules, Orders and Directions for regulating the Linen-Hall.

Whereas by the Statute made in the firſt year of the reign of his preſent Majeſty King George the Second, whom God long preſerve, entitled, An Act for the farther Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, it is amongſt other things enacted, That the Truſtees for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall and may make, conſtitute and appoint, ſuch Rules and Directions for regulating, governing, and directing the Linen-Hall in the ſaid Statute mentioned, and all Cloths lodged therein, and all Factors, Officers, and Servants employed in or about the ſaid Hall; and from time to time, and at all times hereafter, ſhall and may add to, alter, or amend the ſame, as they the ſaid Truſtees, or any ſeven or more of them ſhall judge fitting and proper. Provided always, that ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall have no force or effect, until they be confirmed and approved of by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Chief Juſtice of the King's-Bench, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, and Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer of this Kingdom, for the time being, or any two or more of them: and foraſmuch as in purſuance of the ſaid Act, the under-named Truſtees for the encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, have frequently met, and made, conſtituted, and appointed the following Rules, Orders, and Directions for regulating, governing, and directing, for the preſent, the ſaid Linen-Hall, and all Cloths lodged therein, and all Officers, Factors, and Servants employed in or about the ſaid Hall, which they humbly lay before your Lordſhips for your confirmation and approbation if you ſhall think fit, that is to ſay,

1. That no perſon employed in any Office in the ſaid Linen-Hall ſhall act by a Deputy, but that every ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall in perſon diſcharge the duty of his ſaid office.

2. That no Officer or other perſon belonging to the ſaid Hall, ſhall, on any pretence whatſoever, take or receive any money, fee, or reward, for or on account of any buſineſs to be tranſacted in the ſaid Hall, other than the fees herein after mentioned and reſerved.

3. That no Factor or other Officer of the ſaid Hall, preſume to be a buyer of Hempen or Flaxen Manufactures of what kind ſoever; nor ſhall he, ſhe, or they be in partnerſhip, or employ any perſon in truſt for him, her or them, for the purchaſing of any Hempen or Flaxen Goods lodged in the ſaid Hall, and that each and every Factor, Officer, and Servant belonging to the ſaid Hall, ſhall give good and ſufficient ſecurity to the Clerk of the Truſtees for the time being, his Executors and Adminiſtrators, for and in behalf of the ſaid Truſtees, for the faithful diſcharge of their reſpective offices and places, which ſecurity ſhall be approved of by the ſaid Truſtees, or any ſeven or more of them, and entered and regiſtered in the ſaid Truſtees books.

4. That the Clerk of the Hall for the time being ſhall keep a book, which ſhall be called his Book of Entries of Goods in the Store-houſes, wherein ſhall be fairly wrote, in words at length, the number of Packs, Bales, or Fardles, with their marks and weight, brought to the ſaid Store-houſes, the name and abode of the perſon who brought them, and the names of the owners and proprietors of the ſaid goods, the day and time when the ſaid Goods were brought to the ſaid Store-houſes, to which entry the carrier or perſon bringing the ſaid goods ſhall ſubſcribe.

5. That the Clerk of the Hall for the time being, ſhall, from time to time, and at all ſeaſonable hours herein after appointed, give his attendance, and deliver to the owner or proprietor of the goods ſo depoſited, or to his factor or factors by him duly authoriſed to receive the ſame, the Packs, Bales, or Fardles as aforeſaid, depoſited in the ſaid Store-houſes, to the end the ſame may be diſpoſed of in the Chambers and Lockers within the ſaid Hall, the owner or his factor ſigning a receipt in the ſaid book for the ſame.

6. That there be two locks and two keys put on each of the out doors of the Linen-Hall, and that the Clerk and Chamberlain do each of them keep one of the keys; and that the Clerk keep the keys of the Store-houſes, appointed in the ſaid Hall for the reception of Packs, Bales, and Fardles of Goods; and he the ſaid Clerk ſhall likewiſe, from time to time, receive into the ſaid Store-houſes all ſuch Packs, Bales, and Fardles of Flaxen and Hempen Manufacture, as ſhall be brought thither after the Hall is locked, in order to be lodged in the Hall; and ſhall give unto the Carrier, or other perſon that brings the ſame thither, a receipt under his the ſaid Clerk's hand, teſtifying that he the ſaid Clerk has received ſuch number of Packs, Bales, or Fardles, diſtinguiſhing them by proper marks and tokens, and who in particular is alleged to be proprietor thereof, and likewiſe ſetting forth the weight of each Pack, Bale, and Fardle, and weigh them back as he delivers them out of the Stores.

7. And for prevention of diſputes and controverſies ariſing in the ſaid Hall, the Clerk of the Hall for the time being, ſhall uſe his beſt endeavours to pacify the ſame; and he the ſaid Clerk of the Hall, and all other Officers and Servants belonging to the ſaid Hall, ſhall treat the traders and dealers thereto reſorting, with all becoming civility and reſpect, and give diſpatch to every man in his buſineſs, according to the courſe and order, or application of the parties tranſacting buſineſs of the Hall with them reſpectively.

8. That the Chamberlain ſhall keep the keys of the Lockers and Chambers where goods are depoſited, and ſhall open and ſhut them as occaſion requires, according to the Rules and Regulations of the Hall.

9. That the Chamberlain for the time being, ſhall, from time to time, make an entry in his book of the name of the perſon, and the place of his abode, to whom he aſſigns either chamber or locker in the ſaid Hall, together with the figure or figures whereby the ſaid chambers or lockers are diſtinguiſhed, and the day the ſaid Aſſignment was made; and the ſaid Chamberlain ſhall day by day (except as herein after excepted) diligently attend during the hours of ſale, and in caſe any lockers or chambers, where ſuch goods as aforeſaid are depoſited, ſhould be kept ſhut during the hours of ſale, the Chamberlain ſhall inform himſelf how the ſame comes to paſs; and in caſe the owners or proprietors of the goods, cannot aſſign a reaſonable cauſe for their being ſo kept ſhut, the Chamberlain ſhall make a report thereof to the next Board of Truſtees, to the end the ſaid Truſtees may prevent the engroſſing of the chambers and

and lockers in particular mens hands, to the prejudice of other dealers frequenting the Linen-Hall.

10. That the Chamberlain is hereby ordered and required, to ſee that all the windows of the Hall be kept duly ſhut and barred, at thoſe hours proper and requiſite for ſhutting the ſame; and that the doors of the chambers, and covers or lids of the lockers in the ſaid Linen-Hall, ſhall be kept duly locked, for and during ſuch time as they are under the care and cuſtody of the ſaid Chamberlain, excepting during the hours of ſale, and other neceſſary times for the reception and diſpoſal of the goods.

11. The Chamberlain is hereby required, when any part of the Linen-Hall ſhall be out of repair, from time to time to give notice thereof to the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, to the intent that the ſame may be ſpeedily repaired.

12. The Factors belonging to the ſaid Hall ſhall diligently attend, during the hours herein after appointed for the ſale of goods, and they the ſaid Factors ſhall keep their books fair, and ſhall make regular entries of all tranſactions relating to the ſale of goods intruſted to them to diſpoſe of, and ſhall from time to time, on demand of their employers, ſtate and ſettle their accompts, and diſcharge the ſame as becometh; and all and every ſuch Factor or Factors, ſhall the very next poſt after ſale or diſpoſal of his or their employers goods, give advice in writing to ſuch employer or employers, how and to whom the ſaid goods were ſo ſold or diſpoſed of.

13. That no Hall-Factor ſhall preſume to receive or take any fee, reward, or perquiſite, for ſelling or diſpoſing of any Hempen and Flaxen Goods, brought to and depoſited in the ſaid Hall, or for receiving money ariſing from the ſale of ſuch goods, over and above the ſum of 3d per pound.

14. That every perſon that ſhall bring goods to be depoſited in the ſaid Hall, in order for ſale, ſhall be allowed to ſell his own Linen, or employ a Hall-Factor, or any Friend or Factor of their own, if he or they ſhall think fit.

15. If any two or more perſons bringing, or cauſing to be brought, any Hempen or Flaxen Manufactures to the ſaid Hall, to be there depoſited for ſale, are willing and deſirous to put their goods aforeſaid in one and the ſame room or locker, that then and in ſuch caſe, the key of the padlock of ſuch room or locker, ſhall be given the perſon they agree ſhall have it, and an entry thereof ſhall be made, both in the Clerk and Chamberlain of the Hall's books, and be ſigned by the parties intereſted in the ſaid goods reſpectively.

16. That if any owner or owners of the ſaid kind of goods, deliver the key of the padlock of the room or locker, where his or their goods are depoſited as aforeſaid, to any perſon, an entry ſhall be made of the delivery of ſuch key in the Clerk and the Chamberlain's reſpective books, and ſigned by ſuch owner, and his or their aſſignee or aſſignees, and from thenceforth, it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid aſſignee or aſſignees, to keep the padlock key of the ſaid room or locker, until the ſaid goods are diſpoſed of; and likewiſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid aſſignee or aſſignees to diſpoſe of the ſaid goods, and of all and every part of them, according to the tenor of the ſaid entry.

17. That if any perſon or perſons depoſiting ſuch goods as aforeſaid in the ſaid Hall, ſhall have occaſion to go into the country before his or their goods are ſold, and does not employ any perſon or perſons to be his or their Factor or Factors to receive the padlock key of the room or locker where the goods are depoſited, or to diſpoſe of the ſaid goods according to the directions in the ſixteenth Article above-mentioned, that then, and in ſuch caſe, the owner or proprietor of ſuch goods ſhall leave the padlock key of ſuch room or locker where ſuch goods are depoſited, with the Chamberlain of the ſaid Hall for the time being, who ſhall make out two inventories of the quantity and quality of the ſaid goods ſo undiſpoſed of, and lodged in the ſaid room or locker, both of which ſhall be ſigned by the owner and proprietor of the ſaid goods, and the ſaid Chamberlain for the time being, and an entry be made thereof in the Clerk of the Hall's books for the time being, which entry ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Owner or Owners, and by the ſaid Chamberlain, and then one part of the ſaid inventory is to be delivered to the ſaid owner and owners, and the other part to remain with the ſaid Chamberlain.

18. That the perſon or perſons who brings the ſaid inventory, with the power thereon ſubſcribed, naming the perſon or perſons thereby authoriſed to ſell or diſpoſe of the ſaid goods, ſhall be permitted to ſell or diſpoſe of the ſaid goods, he or they firſt giving a receipt for the ſame, to the Chamberlain, and cauſing the ſame to be entered in the Clerk of the Hall's books, which entry ſhall be ſigned by the perſon or perſons ſo authoriſed, and likewiſe by the Chamberlain, whereupon the ſaid Chamberlain ſhall forthwith file the ſaid order and receipt, on proper files by him to be kept for that purpoſe; or in caſe the ſaid owner or proprietor of the ſaid goods returns in perſon to the ſaid Hall, in order to diſpoſe of the ſaid goods himſelf, he having not previouſly given any other order to diſpoſe of them, that then and in ſuch caſe, ſuch owner ſhall give the Chamberlain the like receipt as is above-mentioned, and cauſe an entry to be made thereof in the Clerk of the Hall's books, and then deliver up to the Chamberlain the inventory formerly given him, with the ſaid owner's receipt thereon indorſed, which inventory ſhall be filed in manner as aforeſaid.

19. That the Chamberlain from time to time, as often as there ſhall be occaſion, ſhall carefully view and examine into the ſtate and condition of all and every the goods depoſited in his care, and obſerve what condition they are in, and uſe his beſt endeavours to preſerve them free from damage.

20. That the owners of goods depoſited in any of the ſaid chambers or lockers, or their aſſigns, may bring padlocks of their own, which they ſhall put on the ſaid chambers or lockers aſſigned them, which they ſhall take away when they ſhall give up the ſaid chambers or lockers.

21. And in order to prevent any trader or dealer's engroſſing to himſelf any chamber, by depoſiting or keeping any ſmall quantity of Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures in any of the chambers within the ſaid Hall, which ſaid goods may conveniently be depoſited and kept in any one of the lockers within the ſaid Hall, that then in ſuch caſe, the ſaid Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall, by their order in writing under their hands, cauſe the ſaid goods to be removed to ſuch vacant lockers as to them ſhall ſeem meet, and the Owner or his Factor, who had the cuſtody of the ſaid chamber, ſhall deliver up the ſaid chamber in the plight he received the ſame.

22. That the ſale of Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures depoſited in the ſaid Hall, ſhall and may be done and performed

formed on every day in the year, excepting the *Lord's Day*, commonly called *Sunday*, and thoſe days in the year appointed by Law to be kept holy, at the hours and times following; that is to ſay, from the 1ſt of April to the 1ſt of October, from eight of the clock in the morning, to one of the clock in the afternoon, and from the 1ſt of October to the 1ſt of April annually, from nine of the clock in the morning, to one of the clock in the afternoon; and the Porter of the ſaid Hall, for the time being, is hereby required to ring the Hall-Bell, thereby to notify the opening and cloſing of the hours of ſale within the ſaid Hall.

23. That all Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures brought to the ſaid Hall, to be there depoſited for ſale, ſhall be received into the ſaid Hall, by the reſpective Officers and Servants belonging thereto, at all hours of the day, Sundays and the days appointed by Law to be kept holy only excepted, from Lady-day to Michaelmas, from ſix in the morning till one, and in the afternoon, from two till ſunſet; and from Michaelmas to Lady-day, from eight in the morning till one, and in the afternoon, from two till ſunſet annually.

24. That all the carriers who bring Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures to the ſaid Hall, to be there depoſited, ſhall have their buſineſs diſpatched by the Officers and Servants belonging to the ſaid Hall as ſpeedily as poſſible, in their reſpective courſe or order of coming.

25. That no trader or dealer, or any of their agents or factors, who ſhall depoſit Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures in the ſaid Hall, ſhall preſume to ſell any goods but with the doors open.

26. No trader or dealer, his or their agent or agents, factor or factors, ſhall preſume to cut and ſell any piece of Flaxen or Hempen Cloth, ſo as to retail the ſame within the ſaid Hall.

27. That no fire, candle or drink ſhall be brought into the ſaid Hall, or the Store-houſes thereunto belonging, by any perſon or perſons, on any pretence whatſoever, nor any tobacco ſmoaked in them or any of them.

28. That the Porter of the Hall, with his Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, ſhall during the hours of ſale, and at all other hours that the Hall-gates ſhall be open, conſtantly attend at the gate of the ſaid Hall, and ſhall not ſuffer any perſon or perſons to carry out of the ſaid Hall or Store-houſes, any Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures lodged in them or any of them, without a permit under the hand of the Clerk or Chamberlain of the ſaid Hall, unleſs ſuch perſon or perſons be a licenſed Porter.

29. That the Porter of the Hall, from time to time, ſhall keep clean and neat the chambers and other parts of the Hall, when and as often as he ſhould be required ſo to do, by the Chamberlain, and likewiſe the yard and porches ſhall be kept clean and neat by the porters that are licenſed to attend the Hall, by the like direction of the Chamberlain for the time being.

30. That the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall and may with all convenient ſpeed, cauſe Badges to be made for the porters licenſed by the Truſtees to attend the ſervice of the Hall, and that no licenſed porter whatſoever belonging to the ſaid Hall, ſhall preſume to go on working days abroad, without bearing the badge aſſigned him by the ſaid Truſtees, on that viſible part of his body, by the ſaid Truſtees or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall be ordered and appointed; and that no perſon or perſons whatſoever, ſhall be licenſed porters, that ſhall not previouſly give ſecurity before the ſaid Truſtees, for the faithful diſcharge of the ſaid office; and the ſaid licenſed porters ſhall attend at the Linen-Hall, at all hours from ſun-riſe to ſunſet, to anſwer the calls and occaſions of the traders and dealers reſorting to the ſaid Hall, ſaving only at the times they ſhall be employed on errands by the ſaid traders and dealers

31. That the fee or allowance to be taken by the licenſed porters for carrying of loads, ſhall be at the rates following, and no more:

To all places on the North-ſide of the River, 2d. per load, each load to be as follows; viz. For twenty pieces of yard-wide Linen, or ſeven-eighths wide Linen. For twenty-ſix pieces of three-quarter wide Linen. For twenty pieces of three-quarter, or ſixteen pieces of ſix-quarter Diaper. For twelve pieces of eight-quarter Diaper. For ten pieces of ten-quarter or Sheetings; and to all places on the South-ſide of the River for loads as aforeſaid, 3d per load.

32. In caſe any licenſed porter as aforeſaid ſhall be remiſs in the diſcharge of his duty, the party aggrieved ſhall and may make complaint thereof to the Clerk or Chamberlain of the ſaid Hall for the time being, who ſhall at the next meeting of the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, lay the ſaid complaint before the ſaid Truſtees, in order to puniſh the offender according to law.

33. The watchmen appointed by the ſaid Truſtees to watch the ſaid Hall in the night-time, are hereby required to begin their watch at the hours and times that ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, and ſhall continue the ſame during the like appointment, and at every hour accounted from the time of ſetting their watch, to the cloſing of the ſame, ſhall give notice at the Porter's-lodge, the hour of the night with an audible voice.

34. And to the end the watchmen and porter of the Hall may be under diſcipline in the diſcharge of the truſt repoſed in them reſpectively, the Clerk, Chamberlain and Meſſengers of the Hall, are hereby reſpectively required to take their turns to ſuperviſe, examine and ſee how the watchmen and porter of the Hall acquit themſelves in the truſt repoſed in them; and in caſe any the ſaid watchmen or porter of the Hall be found by them, or any of them, remiſs in the diſcharge of their duties, they, the ſaid Clerk, Chamberlain or Meſſengers of the Hall, reſpectively, ſhall make report thereof to the Truſtees aforeſaid, to the end they may be puniſhed according to their demerits

35. No other door of the Linen-Hall ſhall be open during the time of ſale, but the door oppoſite to Ann-ſtreet, or facing Linen-Hall-ſtreet, excepting always, when the Clerk of the Hall ſhall find it neceſſary for the reception of packs or bales of goods, to cauſe any one or more of the other doors or gates of the ſaid Hall to be opened for that purpoſe, and forthwith to have the ſame ſhut again.

36. That nothing in theſe Rules, Orders or Regulations contained, ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to the depriving or abridging of the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of Ireland, for the time being, or any ſeven or more of them, the power of diſplacing the Clerk, Chamberlain, Porters, Meſſengers, Factors, or all and every other Officer and Officers, Servant or Servants belonging to the ſaid Hall, at the will and pleaſure of them the ſaid Truſtees, or any ſeven or more of them, and other perſon or perſons ſo in their place or places to nominate and appoint;

point; the perſon or perſons ſo nominated and appointed to perform, fulfil, and keep on his or their parts, all ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, relating to the ſaid Hall, as concerns his or their reſpective Offices or Stations within the ſaid Hall.

37. That an Abſtract of all By-Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, relating to the ſaid Linen-Hall, ſhall be paſted on Boards for that purpoſe, to be hung up in each Walk of the ſaid Hall, in the moſt convenient and conſpicuous place in each Walk, to the end that the Traders and Dealers reſorting to the ſaid Hall, may know what are the Duties of each Officer and Servant within the ſaid Hall, and how they are to comport themſelves toward the ſaid Traders and Dealers in the diſpatch of their buſineſs.

Linen Manufacture Office,
the 2d Day of *November*, 1728.

RALPH MEATH.	HEN. SINGLETON.
EDW. CROFTON.	THO. MARLAY.
OLIVER ST. GEORGE.	RALPH. GORE.
MARM. COGHILL.	DUNCANNON.
HEN. SANDFORD.	G. FORBES.
ROB. COPE.	THO. TAYLOR.
LANESBOROUGH.	MICH. WARD.
W. BURGH.	ART. HILL.
THO. TROTTER.	WILL. BROWNLOW.
W. FOWNES.	MATT. FORDE.
LU. GARDINER.	FRAN. LUCAS.
THO. BURGH.	SAM. WARING.

Purſuant to the power veſted in us by Act of Parliament, We have conſidered the foregoing Rules, Orders and Directions for regulating the Linen-Hall, and do approve of and confirm the ſame, as witneſs our Hands,

THO. WYNDHAM, C.
JA. REYNOLDS.
THO. DALTON.

RESOLVED, That one hundred copies of the ſaid Regulations, be printed on large ſheets of paper for paſting up in the Hall, and four hundred in ſmall books, to be diſtributed amongſt the Dealers.

RESOLVED, That the Porters to be appointed at the Linen-Hall, do each of them give 50l. Security for diſcharging the Truſt repoſed in them.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That John Reilly, James Aſhen, John Moore, and Phelim Campbell, be appointed Porters to the Linen-Hall, on their entering into Bonds of 50l. each, as formerly ordered with the Securities by them returned into the Office, for the faithful diſcharge of the Truſts repoſed in them.

RESOLVED, That the Porters wear their badges on the left breaſt, and that the badge laid before the Board, be the ſame ſort of badge to be worn by the Porters.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas a Linen-Hall hath been erected in the City of Dublin, for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom,

This is to give notice to all perſons dealing in the ſaid Trades, that on Thurſday the 14th of this inſtant November, the ſaid Hall will be open for the reception of all Linen and Hempen Goods, where the Dealers and thoſe authoriſed by them, may lodge their Packs ſafely, there being proper Officers appointed to take care thereof, and ſecurity entered into for the diſcharge of their reſpective Truſts, and the goods may be there bought and ſold, and delivered out without any expence attending the ſame.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That James Blewett be appointed one of the Porters of the Linen Hall, and that Mr. Uſher enquire into the ſufficiency of Charles M'Donnell and Hugh Parker, whom he propoſes as his Security.

The Board being informed that there were ſome grounds to ſuſpect the character of Phelim Campbell, who was appointed one of the Porters of the Linen Hall, and that ſeveral Dealers in Linen Cloth in the Country, were determined not to lodge their Cloths in the Linen Hall, if he be employed as one of the Porters there,

RESOLVED, That he be ſuſpended from his ſaid Office of Porter, till he produce Certificates of his honeſty from the Dealers in Linen Cloth, between Loughgall, Portadown, and Lurgan.

RESOLVED, That two Watch-coats, two Bill-hooks, two Blunderbuſſes, and a Caſe of Piſtols, be provided for the Watchmen, and that a Bell be hung up in the Porter's-lodge, to be rung by the Watchmen, to give an alarm in caſe of need.

RESOLVED, That the Factors do each of them, give in 1000l. ſecurity for the faithful diſcharge of the Truſts repoſed in them.

ORDERED, That Robert Montgomery, and William Stephenſon, who were appointed Factors, by an order of the 1ſt of June laſt, be directed to return the names of the perſons whom they propoſe ſhall be Securities for them, and that Mr. Uſher enquire into their ſufficiency.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23d, 1728.

Margetſon Armar, Eſq; having laid a piece of very fine Linen Cloth, made by Mrs. Allan, of the County of Antrim, before the Board,

RESOLVED, That 3l. be paid to Mrs. Allan, for her encouragement for making the ſaid Linen Cloth, but that from hence-forward no more premiums be paid or given on the like account.

The Report of the Committee on John Caſpar Reale's, Petition, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of John Caſper Reale, praying encouragement for carrying on the making of Pot-aſhes, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he has laid ſeveral ſpecimens of his Pot-aſhes before this Board, which were tried by Richard Hall; and by Richard Hall's Report, it appears that the ſaid Aſhes are not inferior to the beſt Flemiſh Aſhes that he ever ſaw; but in regard it does not appear to your Committee that the ſaid Pot-aſhes, were made by the ſaid Caſper Reale,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that on his entering into Contract to deliver in Dublin, one Tun of [redacted] Pot-aſhes, made by him at Monilea near Gorey, on or before Lady-day next, he be paid 20l. in hand, which ſhall be allowed in part payment of the ſaid Aſhes, and that he be allowed 10l. more for the ſaid Ton of aſhes, when ſo delivered.

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That Dr. Trotter be desired to get some person in the County of Wexford, in whom he can confide, to see the said Casper Reale make the said Pot-ashes, and that the said person be desired to return a Certificate of his having seen them so made.

RESOLVED, That 20l. be lodged in Dr. Trotter's hands, to be by him paid to Casper Reale, as he shall see occasion for it.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That for the future, no goods made for this Board be paid for, unless the price of such goods be first agreed on.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Justice Coote's Report, of Murtagh M'Owen's performance in bleaching, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider Mr. Justice Coote's Report, of Murtagh M'Owen's performance in bleaching, as also a Certificate signed by Thomas Jolly, James Usher, George Sherston, and George Lawe, and to report our opinion what Murtagh M'Owen may deserve for his encouragement, have met and considered the same, and find by the said Report and Certificate, that Murtagh M'Owen has made such discoveries in the Art of Bleaching, as will conduce exceedingly to the benefit of the Linen Trade in this Kingdom, not only in point of dispatch, but likewise by improving the colours of Linens.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that Murtagh M'Owen be now paid the sum of 10l. for his loss of time in attending on this Board; and they submit it to the consideration of this Board, what farther encouragement may be thought proper to be given him.

The Report of the Committee on James Hamilton, Esq.'s Memorial being read, was agreed to, with this amendment, that he be allowed a third part of the expence he shall be at in building a Buck-house, provided such third part do not exceed the sum of 25l. and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of James Hamilton, Esq; proposing to erect a considerable Linen Manufacture in the Town of Carlow, and praying encouragement for the same, have met and considered the said Memorial.

Your Committee are of opinion, that when he shall make it appear that he has made his Bleach-yard, built his Buck-house, and provided them with all proper materials, he then be paid one third of the expence he shall be at in making the said Bleach-yard, Buck-house and Utensils necessary for the said Bleach-yard and Buck-house, except the making or inclosing the ground for the said Bleach-yard, and also on his entering into Contract for carrying on the said Manufacture, during seven years, as is set forth in his Memorial, six Linen Looms be lent him, and that he be allowed a Spinning-school for Flax, to be set up at Carlow aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That it be a standing order of this Board, that no proposal for setting up any new Manufacture be received by the Clerk, unless an estimate of the expence of erecting such Manufacture be included in such proposal, and that it do also set forth what the proposer demands as an encouragement from this Board, for the same.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1728.

RESOLVED, That the Porter of the Gate for the Linen Hall, be provided with a Gown, Cap and Staff, which he shall wear while he attends on the Linen Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1728.

Whereas by an act passed last Sessions of Parliament, it is amongst other things enacted, that every Lapper in making up Cloths, shall not only mark the length thereof, but shall also at each end of such Cloths, mark or stamp the breadth of the same,

ORDERED, That it be referred to the next Committee, to consider of proper Stamps and Directions to be given to the said Lappers, for putting that part of the Act in execution.

And whereas in the said Act it is amongst other things enacted, that every Weaver shall, from and after the 1st of November 1728, stamp his name in legible characters, with oil and lamp-black, on one end of any piece of green Cloth he, his journeyman or apprentice shall weave or work, under a penalty of 5s. for every such piece of Cloth not so stamped as aforesaid,

ORDERED, That the said clause be printed by way of not advertisement, for the information of the public.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1728—29.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk and Chamberlain of the Linen Hall be ordered not to receive any Flaxen or Hempen Manufactures into the Linen Hall, unless the said Manufactures be made up in packs, and come either on cars or horses directly from the Country, except coarse Sheetings, made or bleached in Dublin.

The Petition of James Bradshaw, praying encouragement for his having invented the Sleaing-table, for the advancement of the Diaper Trade, laid before the Board, was read, and referred to a Committee.

It appearing by a receipt signed by Ann Caulfield, that Thomas Sitlington, Lapper in the County of Antrim, had made her full satisfaction for the short measure, in the piece of Linen Cloth by her laid before the Board, and she having also applied for the said Cloth,

ORDERED, That the said Cloth be delivered to Ann Caulfield, first cutting off the Stamps; and that the said Sitlington be reprimanded for the said neglect.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1728—29.

ORDERED, That the Clerk and Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall, be ordered to inspect the several Rooms where Cloths are deposited, and in what Room soever they shall find no more Cloths than what may be contained in a Locker, they may remove such quantities into a Locker.

The Report of the Committee on James Bradshaw's Petition and Sleaing-table for Diapers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of James Bradshaw, praying encouragement for his having invented a Sleaing-table for the advancement of the Diaper Trade, have met and considered the same, and have examined the said Sleaing-table, and though a considerable improvement may be made in the Diaper Trade by the said Table, yet it seems to your Committee that the same is at present very defective, and as the Diapers made in Holland, are made to the greatest perfection,

We are of opinion, that it will be of great service to the said Trade to have a person well skilled in it, sent to Holland

Holland and Hamburgh, to inform himſelf of the methods uſed there in weaving of Diapers and mounting the Looms, and to inform himſelf whether any, and what Sleaing-table is made uſe of there, and what weights are made uſe of in mounting their Looms in proportion to the fineneſs of the Yarn, and to inform himſelf of any thing elſe that he finds may be of ſervice to the Diaper or Linen Trade.

And as the Petitioner, by the Sleaing table laid before us, ſeems well qualified for theſe purpoſes, we are of opinion that he be ſent to Holland to make the enquiries aforeſaid, that he be obliged to ſet out by the firſt of March next at fartheſt, that he be allowed 10s. per day for his travelling charges, from the day he ſhall ſet out from his own houſe, till his return into this Kingdom, and that 100l. for the ſupport of his Trade in his abſence, be lent him on his Bond, to return it when demanded.

SATURDAY, January 25th, 1728—29.

Resolved, That a ſufficient quantity of Flax-ſeed, be ſent to the ports of Londonderry, Belfaſt, Newry, Cork and Killough, to ſupply the perſons to whom Seed is granted in the adjacent Counties.

Resolved, That this Board will not pay for the carriage of any Seed, to any inland places this ſeaſon.

SATURDAY, February 1ſt, 1728—29.

Complaint being made to this Board of the miſbehaviour of Phelim Campbell, one of the Porters to the Linen Hall,

Resolved, That he be diſcharged from his ſaid Office of Porter, and that his Badge be taken from him.

SATURDAY, February 8th, 1728—29.

The Report of the Committee on William Holmes's Petition, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition and Certificate of William Holmes, praying the allowance for ſetting up a Flax and Yarn Shop at Dungannon, in the County Tyrone, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find that he formerly had encouragement for keeping a Flax and Yarn Shop at Dungannon, for ſeven years.

Your Committee are of opinion, that ſince the ſaid Shop, with all the encouragement given to it, cannot now ſupport itſelf, no farther allowance be given to William Holmes, for ſetting it up or carrying it on.

Ordered, That the Watchmen of the Linen Hall, be directed to begin their watch at eight o'clock at night.

SATURDAY, February 22d, 1728—29.

The Petition of Moſes Kelly, of the City of Dublin, being read, praying this Board to appoint him a Factor in the Linen Hall, and a Certificate ſigned by a conſiderable number of Linen Drapers in his favour, being alſo read,

Resolved, That he be appointed a Factor in the Linen Hall, on his entering into Bonds of 1000l.

SATURDAY, March 29th, 1729.

A Letter from John Smith of Belfaſt, being read, offering his ſervices to ſuppreſs the evil practices of reeling Yarn unſtatutably, deſiring a Commiſſion for that purpoſe, and propoſing to put out Advertiſements to inform the public, of the Statute in that caſe made,

Resolved, That a Letter be wrote to him, informing him that if he deſires it, a Commiſſion to the purpoſe he mentions ſhall be granted to him, as ſoon as the Board ſhall have agreed on a form; but that he be at the ſame time acquainted, that this Board will allow no Salary for the execution thereof, and that the Advertiſement publiſhed by this Board be ſent in order to its being publiſhed at Belfaſt.

SATURDAY, April 12th, 1729.

Captain Pierce having made application to have the leave of this Board, for taking ſome of the ſand on the Strand near the Manufacture at Ball's-Bridge, for the building the Parliament Houſe,

Resolved, That he have the free conſent of this Board, for taking what ſand he ſhall have occaſion for, procuring Mr. Robert Reeves the Landlord's conſent.

SATURDAY, April 19th, 1729.

The Petition of William Battely, being read, complaining that he bought a piece of Linen-cloth from Thomas Lackey of Pill-Lane, ſtamped by Richard Holden, County of Armagh, which on the firſt waſhing cut, and was full of holes, and having produced ſome of the ſhirts made of the ſame Cloth, which proved as ſet forth in the ſaid complaint,

Resolved, That Richard Holden be fined 2l. which he ſhall pay to Mr. Battely the complainant, and that he have the leave of this Board to ſue Richard Holden, on the Bonds he entered into for his faithful diſcharging the Office of Lapper, if Mr. Battely think proper.

TUESDAY, April 29th, 1729.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of proper Stamps, Directions and Inſtructions to be given to the Lappers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of proper Stamps and Directions to be given to the Lappers, for putting that part of an Act of Parliament paſſed laſt Seſſion in force, and obliging the Lappers to mark each end of ſuch Cloth, have met and conſidered the ſame, and have given directions to Mr. Hartwell, to make patterns of the Stamps for marking the Breadths of the Cloths which are now laid before you; we have alſo drawn the annexed Inſtructions for Lappers:

Inſtructions given by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to appointed Lapper in the County of

1ſt. You ſhall give all convenient diſpatch, to all perſons bringing merchantable Cloths to be lapped, preferring always the firſt comers to thoſe that come after, without favour or affection; and that likewiſe on notice given to you, by the keepers of Bleach-yards, that they have eight pieces or more of Cloth ready to be lapped, you ſhall forthwith repair to the ſaid Bleach-yard if within one mile or leſs of your Dwelling-houſe, if within two miles, you ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard on notice of ſixteen pieces or more being ready to be lapped, if within three miles, you ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard on notice of twenty-four pieces or more being ready to be lapped, if within four miles, you ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard on notice

notice of thirty-two pieces or more being ready to be lapped, if within five miles, you ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard on notice of forty-two pieces or more being ready to be lapped, or within ſix miles, you ſhall go to ſuch Bleach-yard on notice of forty-eight pieces or more being ready to be lapped, in diſcharge of your duty, without favour or affection, or preferring one perſon before another, and you ſhall take no reward on any pretence whatſoever, other than what is preſcribed by Act of Parliament.

2d. If you find any remarkable difference in the fineneſs of the Cloth of the ſame piece, or any part more rowed than the reſt, or any hole or other defect in the Cloth, you ſhall make the Lap-yard of the coarſeſt or moſt rowed or defective part of it; but in caſe the weft of the Cloth be apparently put in with intention to defraud the buyer, you ſhall not preſume to ſeal or lap any ſuch Cloth.

3d. You ſhall lap up no Cloth ſo moiſt or damp as to endanger it to mildew, or otherwiſe damage it.

4th. You ſhall lap up no Cloth brought or offered to you, which is made up with chalk-duſt or flour, in order to make it look whiter than it really is; and in caſe any ſuch be brought or offered to you to be lapped, you ſhall ſeize the ſame, and carry it before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, and upon conviction cut it into pieces of ſeven yards in length.

5th. If you find any Cloth bleached with Lime or Dung, other than Cow-dung, you ſhall carry it before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, to have it condemned and cut into pieces of ſeven yards in length.

6th. If any Cloth be brought or offered to you to be lapped, that is ſowed together, you ſhall not preſume to lap or ſtamp it.

7th. You ſhall carefully view, examine and meaſure, all Cloths that are brought to, and lapped by you, and ſhall beetle the ſame at the ſtatutable rate, if deſired; and at each end of the Cloth, you ſhall put the breadth of the Cloth and your Stamp, and the exact number of yards on the one ſide of your Stamp; and you are to take great care, that each of the ends ſo ſtamped, be fairly laid out, ſo that the buyer may have a full view of them, and know by whom the Cloth was lapped, the number of yards, and breadth of the Cloth; and you are to take off the impreſſions fair and clean, ſo that all the figures and letters may be legible; and ſtamp the ſame with Lampblack and Size.

8th. You ſhall affix the Stamps of the breadths of all Cloths lapped by you, on each end of the Cloth cloſe by your Stamp, and oppoſite to the number of yards, ſo as to be fully ſeen by the buyer; all of which is to be laid out as the ſeventh Inſtruction directs; the breadths are to be as follow; viz. All plain Linen-cloth when whitened, either full half ell, or full three quarters of a yard, or full ſeven eighth parts of a yard, or full yard, or full yard and half quarter, or full yard and quarter, or full yard and a half in each piece, and all Diapers and Damaſks when whitened, ſhall be either of one of the breadths aforeſaid, or full yard and three quarters, or full two yards, or full two yards and quarter, or full two yards and half, or full two yards and three quarters, or full three yards, or full three yards and quarter, or full three yards and half, or full three yards and three quarters, or full four yards wide; and all Tickens ſhall be in breadth full half yard half ell, or three quarters of a yard, or full ſeven eighth parts of a yard, or full yard, or full yard and half quarter, or full yard and quarter, or full yard and half, or full yard three quarters, or full two yards wide; and all Cloths lapped by you, which are not of one of the reſpective breadths herein above-mentioned, you are ſo ſtamp thereon the ſtatutable breadth, next under what the ſaid Cloth actually meaſures, and as is above directed.

9th. When you have lapped the Cloth, you ſhall affix the Stamp on the meeting of the two folds of the Cloth, near the ſelvage of the lap-yard, with Red-Lead and Size, ſo that part of the Stamp may be on one ſide of the folding, and part on the other ſide of the folding of the lap-yard.

10th. You ſhall keep a Regiſter of all the ſeveral ſorts of Cloths you lap, according to the method herewith delivered to you; and on or before the 1ſt of November annually, you ſhall return to this Board a fair Copy of ſuch Regiſter.

11th. If there happens any difference between you and the perſon who brings or offers Cloth to be lapped, or where you are called upon to lap, you ſhall go to the next Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate of the Corporation, to determine the difference between you.

12th. You ſhall uſe no horſe, nor any other engine for ſtraining of Cloths, or over-ſtretch the Cloths you lap, ſo as to occaſion their falling ſhort in meaſure afterwards.

13th. You ſhall not put your Stamps to any Cloth that has not been meaſured by yourſelf.

14th. If any Cloth that has been lapped, be brought to you to be lapped again, you ſhall put your Stamp near to the Stamp affixed by the former lapper.

15th. You ſhall not preſume to lap or ſeal any Canvas or Sail-cloth, unleſs the piece contain thirty-ſix yards in length at the leaſt.

16th. You ſhall not preſume to lap or ſeal any Linen Cloth, except they be Diapers, Damaſks, or Huckabacks, which ſhall not have a coarſe Thread through every two hundred Threads of the Warp of the ſaid Cloth, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the number of hundreds of Threads in the breadth of the ſaid Cloth; and alſo another Thread as aforeſaid, to be run within leſs than one quarter of an inch of the former; in like manner through every forty Threads of the Warp of the ſaid Cloth, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the number of beers or ſcores of Threads in the breadth of the ſaid Cloth, as directed by the Statute.

17th. You ſhall not ſtamp any Linen-cloth in any Fair, during the continuance of ſuch Fair.

18th. You ſhall ſeize all Cloths that ſhall be lapped and not ſtamped according to Act of Parliament, and bring them before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, in order to levy the penalty appointed by Act of Parliament.

Figures for marking the breadths of Linens.

1, 2, 3, 4, Y. $\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$.

N. B. As you have in your box of figures for marking the lengths of Linen, the firſt four figures which are above ſet down, you ſhall ſtamp the breadths with them and the above fractions, as directed in the eighth Article, as you may ſee in the following manner:

$\frac{1}{8}$Y, $\frac{1}{4}$Y, $\frac{7}{8}$Y, 1Y, 1Y$\frac{1}{8}$, 1Y$\frac{1}{4}$, 1Y$\frac{1}{2}$, 1Y$\frac{3}{4}$, 2Y, 2Y$\frac{1}{4}$, 2Y$\frac{1}{2}$, 2Y$\frac{3}{4}$, 3Y, 3Y$\frac{1}{4}$, 3Y$\frac{1}{2}$, 3Y$\frac{3}{4}$. 4Y.

ORDERED, That the above Inſtructions be immediately printed.

Thomas

Thomas Hartwell being called in and examined, in relation to the price of the Stamps for the breadths of the Cloths, and having agreed to take 5s. 6d. per ſet for the ſaid Stamps,

RESOLVED, That he be agreed with at that price.

SATURDAY, MAY 10th, 1729.

A Servant of Mr. Cramer having laid before this Board a piece of printed Linen-cloth, ſtained by Daniel Chappell, complaining that the ſaid Chappell had ſpoiled the ſaid Cloth, and rendered it entirely uſeleſs, by making it full of holes,

ORDERED, That Daniel Chappell be directed to attend this Board on Saturday next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; and that the Complainant be alſo directed to attend.

A Certificate ſigned by ſeveral Linen-Dealers in and about Coote-Hill, in the County of Cavan, being read, ſetting forth, that the methods invented by Murtagh M'Owen, for bleaching of Linen-cloth and Linen-yarn, far exceeded the methods now uſed, and therefore hoping that the ſaid Murtagh M'Owen would be encouraged by this Board to make his ſaid methods public, as it will be a great ſervice to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That ſaid Certificate be referred to a Committee.

RESOLVED, That the two houſes now building at the Linen-Hall for the Clerk and Chamberlain, be built in the ſame ſtyle with the ſaid Hall, with flat tops; and that Mr. Thomas Burgh be deſired to give directions accordingly.

The Petition of Hercules Gregory being read, praying to be employed as one of the Factors of the Linen-Hall,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed one of the Factors of the ſaid Hall, on his giving ſuch ſecurity for the due execution of his office, as this Board ſhall think proper.

RESOLVED, That for the future, any perſon who ſhall be appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall, ſhall give two perſons ſecurity for the due execution of his office, and that ſuch Factors as have not already given two ſecurities, have notice given them, that this Board expects they ſhall provide ſuch ſecurity.

Whereas this Board finds, that as much of the Linen-Hall as is already built, will not be ſufficient to accommodate all the traders who reſort thither, but that it will be neceſſary to compleat what remains unfiniſhed of the ſaid Hall,

RESOLVED, That that part of the Linen-Hall which yet remains unfiniſhed, be forthwith built; and that Mr. Burgh be deſired to give proper directions for that purpoſe.

SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1729.

Daniel Chappell having attended purſuant to the Orders of the laſt Board, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Mr. Cramer's Servant, for having ſpoiled ſome Cloths ſtamped by ſaid Chappell for the ſaid Servant, and the Cloth ſo complained of being examined by the Board,

RESOLVED, That Daniel Chappell be directed to make the ſaid Servant reſtitution for the ſaid damaged Cloth.

RESOLVED, That Daniel Chappell be directed to make ſome Lixivium in the Alembic formerly lent to him for that purpoſe; and that Mr. Richard Hall be directed to give him a quarter of a hundred of Caſſub, and a quarter of a hundred of Flemiſh Aſhes, for making the ſaid Lixivium.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider a Certificate ſigned by ſeveral Linen Dealers, in favour of Murtagh M'Owen's new method of bleaching Linen-cloth and Linen-yarn, being read, was agreed to, (with this Amendment, that the 30l. allowed him, be 40l.) and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that this Board came to a Reſolution, to grant to Murtagh M'Owen the ſum of 10l. for his loſs of time in attending on this Board, to make ſome experiments of his ſaid methods of bleaching Cloth and Linen-yarn, and the Board then came to a Reſolution, that when the ſaid Murtagh M'Owen ſhould ſhould make it appear to the ſatisfaction of this Board, that his methods of bleaching will be for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, they would then conſider what further encouragement might be proper to be given to him; we alſo find by the Certificate now referred to us, that Mr. Juſtice Coote had produced ſome Yarn to the Linen Dealers who ſigned the ſaid Certificate, which was prepared in the time of hard froſt, by the methods uſed by Murtagh M'Owen, which far exceeded in point of colour, ſtrength and cleanſing, any yarn they had ever ſeen ſpittled, waſhed or boiled, in either Fern-aſhes or Caſſub-aſhes, and did not doubt, but that if the ſaid methods were univerſally known, they would have the preference of any other hitherto diſcovered, and therefore hope the Board will encourage the ſaid Murtagh M'Owen, to make his ſaid invention public, which will be of very great ſervice to the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion, that the ſum of 30l. be paid to Murtagh M'Owen, on his making public his ſaid methods of bleaching; which with 10l. formerly paid him, ſhall be in full for any encouragement deſigned him for his ſaid invention; and that on his giving in the ſame in writing, and approved of by Mr. Juſtice Coote, it be printed for the good of the Linen Trade of this Kingdom.

Hercules Gregory, who was appointed a Factor at the laſt Board, on his giving ſuch ſecurity as ſhould be thought proper, having propoſed the Rev. Mr. Robert Gregory, of Knocka, in the County of Tipperary, and Mr. John Gregory, of Ballybrack in the Kings-County, as his ſecurities,

RESOLVED, That next Thurſday's Committee be deſired to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſaid ſecurities, and report their opinion thereon to the Board.

The Petitions of the Clerk, Chamberlain, Porter of the Gate, and Porters to the Linen-Hall, being read, each praying for the benefit of the Straw brought into the ſaid Hall by the Linen Dealers,

ORDERED, That they be referred to a Committee.

MONDAY, MAY 19th, 1729.

The Board being informed, that Leonard Herd, the Meſſenger that attended this Board, both at the Linen-Office and the Linen-Hall, was dead,

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Noude be appointed Meſſenger to this Board, in the Room of the ſaid

Leonard Herd, and that his ſeveral ſalaries do commence from this day.

SATURDAY, May 24th, 1729.

James Bradſhaw having laid before this Board, an Abſtract of his Proceedings in Holland,

Ordered, That he be directed to draw up a full and particular account of all his Obſervations in Holland; and alſo that he make two Diaper Looms after the ſame manner and form he has ſeen in Holland; and lay before this Board his ſaid Obſervations, and ſome patterns of the Diapers he ſhall make in the ſaid Looms.

The Report of the Committee on the Petitions of the Officers in the Linen Hall, being read, was agreed to and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petitions of the Clerk, Chamberlain, Porter of the Gate, and Porters of the Linen Hall, each praying for the benefit of the Straw brought into the ſaid Hall, by the Linen Dealers, have met and conſidered the ſaid Petitions, and are of opinion that the Clerk and Chamberlain be allowed the Straw brought to the ſaid Hall and left there, by ſuch perſons as ſhall lodge Linens there; and whereas the Porters in their Petition complain, that the perſons for whom they carry Cloths, go out of Town, not paying them for the carriage of the ſaid Cloths,

We are of opinion that the Chamberlain of the ſaid Hall, be directed to ſtop the laſt load of any parcel of Linens belonging to any Country Dealer, till the Porters whom they have employed be paid for their ſervices according to the rates ſettled by this Board.

SATURDAY, May 31ſt, 1729.

A Memorial ſigned by conſiderable numbers of the Linen Dealers of the City of Dublin, being read, complaining of the miſbehaviour of the Factors of the Linen Hall, and ſeveral inconveniencies which ariſe from the regulations of the Linen Hall, as they ſtand at preſent, all which complaints are couched in very general terms,

Resolved, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to a Committee of any three of the Truſtees, and that they meet at the Linen Hall on Thurſday next, and the complainants in the mean time be directed to draw up the ſeveral allegations ſet forth in the Memorial ſpecially, and lodge them with the Clerk and Chamberlain of the Linen Hall by Tueſday next, in order to their being ſhewn to the perſons complained of, and that thoſe allegations when drawn up, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Petition of Charles Braddock, of the City of Dublin Linen Draper, in behalf of David Straton of London, Merchant, being read, complaining of ſeveral Lappers for ſtamping a conſiderable number of pieces of Linen Cloth, which were ſold in London and proved ſhort of meaſure, and an account and affidavit ſworn before Francis Forbes, Eſq; in London, the 29th day of July 1727, in relation thereto, being alſo read,

Ordered, That they be referred to the next Committee.

SATURDAY, June 14th, 1729.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial ſigned by the Linen Dealers of the City of Dublin, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider more fully the Memorial ſigned by conſiderable numbers of the Linen Dealers of the City of Dublin, complaining of the miſbehaviour of the Factors of the Linen Hall, and ſeveral inconveniencies which ariſe from the regulations of the Linen Hall as they ſtand at preſent, have met and conſidered the ſame; and as the complainants were directed to make their complaint more ſpecially, they accordingly reduced it to two particulars, viz. that the Factors buy goods in the Hall and ſell them again, which is contrary to the Rules for the regulation of the Hall; and ſecondly, that the Factors introduce Retail-trade in the Hall, by cutting Linens there, and ſending Linens out of the Hall to private houſes to be viewed;

We had the complainants before us, and heard all the witneſſes and proofs on both ſides, and as to the firſt article of complaint, your Committee cannot ſee any grounds to believe that the Factors are chargeable with it, but we find that there are ſome perſons, viz. Gabriel Clarke and Robert Montgomery, who have taken poſſeſſion of ſeveral Rooms in the Linen Hall ſince the firſt opening thereof, and do take upon them to act there as Factors, without having given any ſecurity or complying with the orders of this Board,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that ſaid Clarke and Montgomery be directed to remove their goods and give up the Rooms immediately, and that Mr. Sherſton and Mr. Lawe be acquainted with the ſenſe of the Board.

As to the ſecond Article of complaint, your Committee find that the particular charge againſt the Factors and other Dealers in the Hall is, that they ſell ſingle pieces which by the complainants is looked on as retailing of Linen, it has been alledged but not proved, that Linens have been opened and cut, and are ſometimes ſent out of the Hall to private houſes to be viewed.

Upon the whole of this Article, your Committee are of opinion that your former order ſhould be complied with, viz. that no Linens be cut or ſold by retail in the Linen Hall, and farther, that no Linens be opened in the Hall or ſent out to be viewed; but your Committee are of opinion that the ſelling of Linen by the ſingle piece, is no retailing of Linen, or breach of the regulations of the Linen Hall.

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſecurity offered by Hercules Gregory, for the Office of Factor, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſecurity offered by Hercules Gregory, for the Office of Factor in the Linen Hall, have met and examined the ſame, and find by a letter from John Dawſon, Eſq; that the Rev. Mr. Robert Gregory and Mr. John Gregory, who are propoſed, are ſubſtantial and undeniable ſecurities;

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that they be accepted of as ſecurities, for the due performance of the ſaid Hercules Gregory in the Office of Factor in the Linen Hall.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper methods of improving the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper methods of improving the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, as alſo to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to the Province of Ulſter, in lieu of the encouragement uſually given to Spinning-ſchools, which

which has been denied to that Province, have met and conſidered the ſame, and finding that beſides making allowances for the expences of the current year, and for the charge of the importation of Hemp and Flax-ſeed, there will remain a conſiderable balance due to this Board from the Treaſury; your Committee in order to lay out part thereof to the beſt advantage, are of opinion, that nine thouſand ſix hundred Wheels for ſpinning Linen-yarn be provided, which will amount to three hundred for each County of this Kingdom, and that they be diſtributed by proper perſons, to ſuch of the poor inhabitants of this Kingdom as will make uſe of them; and that the ſaid Wheels may be well made and of good ſeaſoned ſtuff, and as much as poſſible under the eye of the Board, we are of opinion that all the ſaid Wheels be made in Dublin, except only for ſuch Counties where workmen of good credit ſhall propoſe to contract with the Board, within two months after publiſhing an Advertiſement to that purpoſe; that in the Articles with the Undertaker, he be obliged to make all the Rims of good and well ſeaſoned oak, and the reſt of the Wheel of ſound cleft timber, that the price to be paid him for the timber and workmanſhip of each Wheel be 4s. 6d. the Board at their own charge providing Spindles and Axletrees, which we are of opinion ſhould be turned.

And that the Wheels when made may be diſtributed in a manner agreeable to the intentions of this Board; we are of opinion that no Wheels be diſtributed but by gentlemen of good credit, who ſhall apply by Memorial to the Board, and ſet forth their reaſons for deſiring Wheels, and mention what Pariſh or Pariſhes they deſign to diſtribute them in, and in caſe their requeſt ſhall be complied with, they ſhall in a reaſonable time return to the Board, the names and habitations of the perſons to whom ſuch Wheels were diſtributed.

And whereas ſome perſons may apply for ſuch large quantities as to engroſs the diſtribution, and that the applying for very ſmall parcels will not be worth the notice of the Board, your Committee are of opinion, that no one perſon ſhall be intruſted with the diſtribution of more than thirty Wheels or leſs than ten.

And whereas the proportion of Wheels deſigned for each County, may in ſome Counties lie on hand and remain undiſpoſed of, through the indolence and neglect of the inhabitants of thoſe Counties reſpectively, your Committee are therefore of opinion, that in caſe proper applications be not made within three calendar months, by the ſeveral Counties for their reſpective proportions, after notice ſhall be publiſhed that the Wheels are ready, that from thenceforward any perſons in other Counties may apply for what ſhall remain; and in regard that the Province of Ulſter have for ſome years paſt been excluded from having the benefit of the encouragement uſually given by this Board to Spinning-ſchools, we are therefore of opinion, that proper perſons in that Province applying for ſuch remaining Wheels, be preferred to others on equal terms.

And whereas the providing ſuch a large quantity of Wheels will require ſome convenient Ware-houſe to lodge them in, to be ready for delivery on any demand, and that this Board may have other uſes for ſuch Ware-houſe as occaſion may offer,

Your Committee are of opinion that Mr. Uſher be directed to agree for a Ware-houſe, and that he take it for the term of two years from Michaelmas next, for the ſervice of this Board.

And whereas it will be neceſſary to have the public informed of the intentions of this Board, in order to procure Undertakers for the making of the ſaid Wheels,

Your Committee are of opinion that Advertiſements be printed to the purpoſe aforeſaid.

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be publiſhed purſuant to the above report.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th, 1729.

RESOLVED, That Henry Moone, Porter for the Gate in the Linen Hall, be directed to take an account of the perſons names who bring Cloths into the ſaid Hall, the number of Packs, and time and hour when they are brought in, to the end, that every perſon who brings in Cloth thither may be provided with Rooms in their proper turns, purſuant to the Rules, Orders and Directions for regulating the Linen Hall.

Whereas it is found neceſſary that for the ſervice of the Linen Hall, that a greater number of Porters ſhould be employed,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher be impowered to take in four more Porters for that ſervice, on their giving proper ſecurities.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th, 1729.

The Board having re-aſſumed the conſideration of Charles Braddock's complaint againſt the Lappers, and finding that as there was but one end of the Cloths complained of ſent over, and it not appearing by the Affidavits that there were Stamps on both ends of the Cloths when meaſured, but however that the Lappers had not done their duty,

RESOLVED, That Manus Curran, John Aſhton and George Brownlee diſcharged the ſervice of this Board, on the ſaid complaint, be reſtored to their ſaid employs, on their paying Mr. Uſher 2s. 6d. for each piece of Cloth ſtamped by them.

SATURDAY, JULY 5th, 1729.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding order of this Board, that no greater number of Looms than ſix be granted to any one perſon who ſhall ſet up a Manufacture for the future.

SATURDAY, JULY 12th, 1729.

The Memorial of Jonathan Blundell and John Smith, being read, propoſing to make the Irons for the Wheels deſigned for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, and they having produced a pattern ſpindle and handle which were approved of, in preference to others laid before the Board at the ſame time,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Blundell and Smith be agreed with for the nine thouſand ſix hundred Spindles and Handles for the Wheels deſigned to be made, at the rate of 12d. for both Spindle and Handle, which ſhall be of equal goodneſs with the Patterns, and that if Spindles or Handles ſhall be delivered in, which ſhall not be of equal goodneſs with the Patterns, the ſame ſhall be returned on their hands.

SATURDAY, JULY 19th, 1729.

Gabriel Clarke, who was appointed a Factor in the Linen Hall, on his giving ſuch Security as this Board ſhould approve of, having neglected to comply with the ſaid Reſolutions,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Order be diſannulled, and that he be directed to remove out of the Linen Hall immediately.

SATURDAY, JULY 26th, 1729.

RESOLVED, That for the future no Linen Drapers reſiding in the City of Dublin, be accepted of as Securities for any perſon who ſhall be appointed by this Board, a Factor in the Linen Hall.

The Petition of Gabriel Clarke, being read, praying to be re-admitted into the Office of Factor in the Linen Hall, and the ſaid Clarke being called in and reprimanded,

RESOLVED, That he be reſtored to his Office of Factor, on his giving ſufficient Security, ſuch as this Board ſhall approve of for the faithful diſcharging the ſaid Office.

RESOLVED, That the Rims of the Wheels, which ſhall be made for the ſervice of this Board, ſhall be made of Oak, twenty inches diameter, four inches broad between the band and the ſpokes, and one inch thick, and that the ſtocks ſhall be made of Oak, Aſh, Elm or Beech, and that the reſt of the Wheel be made of Birch, Aſh or Alder.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2d, 1729.

Gabriel Clarke, who was reſtored to the Office of Factor at the Linen Hall, on his giving ſuch Security as this Board ſhould approve of, having propoſed John Edkins, of Bride-Street, Merchant, and George Fletcher, of Skinner-Row, Gentleman, as his Security, for the performance of the ſaid Office,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Edkins be accepted of as one of his Securities, and that he be directed to name ſome other perſon in the room of the ſaid Fletcher.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of James Bradſhaw, with the obſervations made by him in Holland, on the Linen and Diaper Trades there, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of James Bradſhaw, together with the obſervations made by him in Holland, on the Linen and Diaper Trades there, have met and peruſed the obſervations made by Mr. Bradſhaw when in Holland, and find that they contain ſeveral remarks on the difference of the Dutch Manufactures compared with ours, and for as much as all that Mr. Bradſhaw has obſerved, can be of no ſervice unleſs put into practice, and that no perſon is ſo proper for that purpoſe, as he who has made the obſervations; and whereas from thoſe obſervations it appears, that ſeveral articles will be neceſſary for the carrying on the Diaper Trade to the greateſt perfection; we are of opinion that he be ſupplied with all ſuch materials, and that he do employ himſelf in ſeeing them made and provided, and that after that, he do carry on the making Diapers after the Dutch manner.

Mr. Bradſhaw in his obſervations having taken notice, that the Reeds uſed for weaving Linens and Diapers by the Weavers in Holland, are made to a much greater exactneſs than thoſe made in this Kingdom,

RESOLVED, That it be referred to next Thurſday's Committee, to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to a ſkilful Reed-maker, in order to engage him to ſupply the Kingdom with good and ſufficient Reeds.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1729.

Robert Burton, an Engliſhman, who follows the Hempen Trade, and who brought over his family to ſettle in this Kingdom, having made complaint to this Board, that the Corporation of Rope-makers in the City of Dublin, do moleſt and hinder him from following his ſaid Trade, as he is not free of their Corporation,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher be directed to write to the Lord Mayor, and acquaint him with the ſaid complaint, and to let him know that as matters of that kind are only cognizable before his Lordſhip, they cannot take upon them to meddle therein; but hope he will give all proper countenance, not only to the ſaid Burton, but to all Foreigners who come here to follow either the Linen or Hempen Trades.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23d, 1729.

The Memorial of Meſſrs. Smith and Leath, of Belfaſt, being read, propoſing to erect a conſiderable Cambrick Manufacture there and praying encouragement for the ſame,

ORDERED, That they be referred to next Thurſday's Committee.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th, 1729.

Whereas the Board received information that ſome of the Linen Cloths brought into the Linen Hall for Sale, are irregularly made up, and not ſtamped purſuant to the directions of this Board,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Thomas Jolly be directed from time to time, to inſpect the Linen Cloths brought into the Linen Hall and examine the ſame, and where he ſhall find any Cloths bleached with Lime, or otherwiſe made up contrary to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made in this Kingdom, or contrary to the Rules preſcribed by this Board, he ſhall on every Saturday make his report thereof to this Board.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1729.

The Caſe of Richard Robinſon, together with an Affidavit relating thereto, in anſwer to a complaint made againſt him by Charles Braddock, for having ſtamped ſeveral pieces of Linen Cloth which proved ſhort of meaſure, being read, and it appearing from thence, that Mr. Brown of Strabane, had enticed the ſaid Robinſon's ſervant to ſteal his Seals, and ſtamp the ſaid Cloths therewith,

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the ſaid Caſe and Affidavit be ſent to the ſaid Brown, and that he be deſired to return an anſwer thereto; and that he be acquainted, that in caſe he do not fully clear himſelf, this Board will not only proſecute him to the utmoſt, but will alſo acquaint the Earl of Abercorn thereof, under whom he is concerned.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, September 13th, 1729.

A Letter from Thomas Brown of Strabane, juſtifying himſelf in relation to the complaint made againſt him by Richard Robinſon, for enticing the ſaid Robinſon's ſervant to ſteal his Seals, and ſtamping therewith the Cloths complained of by Charles Braddock, being read,

Ordered, That a Copy of the ſaid Letter, and other papers relating to the ſaid complaint, be ſent down to Dr. Andrew Hamilton, and that he be deſired to enquire into the ſaid complaint, and Mr. Brown's behaviour, and return an anſwer to this Board, how he finds the ſame.

SATURDAY, September 20th, 1729.

Mr. Waring having informed the Board, that John Stephenſon, to whom two Linen Looms were granted by this Board, was ſince broke and abſconded, and that Joſeph Beniſon, who was Security for the forthcoming of the ſaid Looms, would not deliver them to him as was directed by order, till his Bonds were given up to the ſaid Beniſon,

Resolved, That the ſaid Beniſon and Stephenſon's Bond, be delivered to Mr. Waring, to be delivered up to the ſaid Beniſon, on receipt of the ſaid Looms.

The Petition of Hugh Kelſo, being read, complaining that one Daniel Harding, had compelled him, contrary to Act of Parliament, to pay Cuſtom for Linen Cloth at the Fair of Kiſnabriſna, in the King's County, and that though he applied himſelf to one Captain Lloyd, at Kiſnabriſna, a Juſtice of the Peace in the ſaid County, yet he could have no redreſs,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Captain Lloyd, acquainting him with the ſaid complaint, and deſiring his anſwer thereto.

SATURDAY, October 4th, 1729.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a form of Articles to be entered into, by thoſe who are agreed with, for making the Wheels deſigned for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, and to report their opinion where the Wheels ſhall be lodged in the ſaid ſeveral Counties, under whoſe care, and what allowance may be proper to be given for the ſtorage of them, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that a Contract be entered into with thoſe who are agreed with for making Wheels, that they be obliged to deliver them at the ſeveral places, as this Board ſhall think proper, if within ten miles of the abode of the Undertaker; and that when perſons ſhall be appointed to diſtribute the ſaid Wheels, liſts of their names be ſent to the Contractors, with directions to deliver to them ſuch number of Wheels as ſhall be granted to them reſpectively.

Thomas Turner's enquiry into the foundation of the Art of Bleaching, being read, propoſing to communicate the ſame to the public, if encouraged,

Resolved, That it be referred to Mr. Juſtice Coote, and that Thomas Turner be directed to attend him.

SATURDAY, October 11th, 1729.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to ſuch perſons as ſhall ſet up Manufactures for Cambricks, being read,

Ordered, That James Bradſhaw do lay before the Board, an eſtimate of the value of Cambricks in proportion to their ſeveral fineneſſes.

Ordered, That the Report of the ſaid Committee be poſtponed, till James Bradſhaw ſhall make his ſaid Report.

The Board being informed, that ſeveral of the Dealers who buy Linens in the Linen Hall, do keep the Rooms wherein Cloths were firſt lodged, for a conſiderable time after the purchaſe of ſuch Cloths, to the prejudice of other Dealers who have occaſion to lodge Cloths in them,

Resolved, That where any perſon ſhall purchaſe Cloths in the ſaid Hall, and ſhall not take the ſame away in twenty-four hours after ſuch purchaſe, the Chamberlain ſhall remove ſuch Cloths into Lockers to make room for others.

Resolved, That the next Committee be deſired to conſider and Report their Opinion, whether it will be moſt for the ſervice of this Board, to build a Ware-houſe for the lodging of the Hemp and Flax-ſeed, which ſhall be from time to time imported by this Board, and all Utenſils provided by this Board, or to rent a Ware-houſe for that purpoſe.

SATURDAY, November 15th, 1729.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider and report their opinion, whether it would be moſt for the ſervice of this Board, to build a Ware-houſe for the lodging of the Hemp and Flax-ſeed, which ſhall be from time to time imported by this Board, and all Utenſils provided by this Board, or rent a Ware-houſe for that purpoſe, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are informed by your Clerk, who was directed to take a Ware-houſe for the ſervice of this Board, that a good Ware-houſe cannot be procured for the ſervice of this Board, for leſs than 20l. per annnum Rent, and that at ſo great a diſtance from the place of landing Hemp and Flax-ſeed, that the carriage thither will greatly enhance the expence; your Committee are farther informed by your Clerk, that fifty feet of ground may be had in Poolbeg-Street, near the Quay ſide, at 5s. per foot, for any term of years, the annual charge of which will amount to 12l. 10s.; he farther informs us, that upon enquiry, he finds a Ware-houſe may be built for 125l. the intereſt of which, at 7l. per cent. comes to 8l. 15s. but of this it is computed there will be ſaved at leaſt 12l. per annum, in the difference of charge of the carriage of the ſeed, between that and any more diſtant place.

Upon the whole, your Committee are of opinion, that Mr. Uſher be directed to take ground in truſt for this Board, in the ſame manner as he did the lands at Ball's-Bridge; and that a Ware-houſe be built thereon with the utmoſt diſpatch; but that your Clerk be directed to endeavour to get the ground on more reaſonable terms if poſſible.

SATURDAY, November 29th, 1729.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have ordered three thouſand barrels of foreign Flax-ſeed

ſeed to be imported for the ſervice of the enſuing ſeaſon,

This is to give notice, that the Truſtees will give out the ſaid Seed to ſuch perſons as are inclined to ſow the ſame, on the following terms:

They will contract with any perſon for ſowing three roods of land, plantation meaſure, with Flax-ſeed this ſeaſon, and allow one barrel of Seed for ſowing the ſame; and a ſufficient quantity of Seed for ſowing any larger quantity of land, not exceeding thirty roods, or ten barrels of Seed, but will not contract for any leſs quantity than three roods.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, being reſolved to encourage the raiſing large quantities of Hemp-ſeed in this Kingdom,

Do hereby give notice, that they are willing to give Seed *gratis* to any Undertaker, from one to twenty hogſheads, who will give Bonds to ſow the ſame any time before the 10th of May, 1730.

A Draft of a Letter to be wrote to the ſeveral Lappers appointed by this Board, being read, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

There having been ſeveral Complaints lately made to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, of the frauds committed by their Lappers, they ſent one of their Officers to the Linen-Hall, to enquire into the ſeveral abuſes committed by them, and find, that great numbers of the Linens that are brought to the Hall, are ſhort of the meaſure they are marked to contain; that ſeveral Lappers neglect to ſtamp the number of yards on the Cloth they lap;

That they make up Linens wet or ſo damp, as to occaſion them to mildew;

That in order to avoid puniſhment of theſe evil practices, they either blot their names in the ſtamping, or neglect to leave out their names to public view, or do not leave out both the ends;

They alſo find, that many of thoſe perſons who have taken out their new Seals, do not ſtamp the breadths on the Linens lapped by them, as they are directed;

Theſe evil practices have obliged them to continue this Officer in the inſpection of all the Linens which come to the Linen-Hall; and that you may not ſuffer by being unacquainted with the Proceedings of the Board, I am to acquaint you, that they have appointed ſuch an Officer, and have directed him to inſpect the Linens coming to the Linen-Hall from time to time; and that where they ſhall find any Lapper guilty of the ſeveral miſbehaviours beforementioned, or any of them, they do deſign to puniſh them with the utmoſt ſeverity.

And whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have appointed new ſeals to be made uſe of by their Lappers, which Seals you have neglected to take out, this is to acquaint you, that the Board expects you will immediately take out your new Seals and Inſtructions, and give up your old ones; and that in caſe you ſhall neglect the ſame, and make uſe of the old ones, you will be looked on as a counterfeiter of their Stamps, and proſecuted as ſuch.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the ſaid Letter be ſent to each Lapper.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1729—30.

The Petition of Denis Farrell, Thread-maker, being read, ſetting forth, that he had invented an engine for reeling of Yarn to a great advantage, and praying encouragement for the ſame,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to next Thurſday's Committee.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1729—30.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Denis Farrell, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Denis Farrell, Thread-Maker, praying encouragement for having invented an Engine for reeling Yarn to great advantage, have met and conſidered the ſame, and examined the engine, but do not find that it will be of that ſervice to the Public, as is ſuggeſted in the ſaid Petition;

RESOLVED, That 10s. 10d. be paid to Denis Farrell, for his trouble in inventing and making the Engine.

The Report of the Committee on the Cambrick Manufacture, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to ſuch perſons as ſhall ſet up Manufactures for the making of Cambricks, have met accordingly, and conſidered the ſame, together with the ſeveral Petitions lying before your Committee for the ſetting up ſuch Manufactures, and are of opinion, that allowing the following premiums to ſuch perſons as this Board ſhall contract with for making Cambricks, during three years, to commence the 1ſt of May next, will conduce much to the improvement of the Cambrick Manufacture in this Kingdom; viz.

For all Cambricks from 6s. per yard, to 8s. per yard, 8l. per cent. per annum.

For all Cambricks from 8s. per yard, to 10s. per yard, 10l. per cent. per annum.

For all Cambricks from 10s. to 12s. per yard, 12l. per cent. per annum.

For all Cambricks from 12s. to 14s. per yard, 14l. per cent. per annum.

For all Cambricks from 14s. to 16s. per yard, 16l. per cent. per annum.

And for all Cambricks from 16s. and upwards per yard, 20l. per cent. per annum, provided that no premiums be paid for the ſaid goods, until they be produced to this Board, and their demands do regularly paſs through a Committee.

We are farther of opinion, that the ſaid premium do not exceed the ſum of 40l. to be allowed to any one Contractor in any one year, except to Meſſ. Smith and Leath of Belfaſt, who we are of opinion, may deſerve a premium, not exceeding 100l. per annum in any one year; and that the ſaid premium be not allowed for any Cambricks, which ſhall not be ſeven eighth parts of a yard wide, and which ſhall not contain ſeven yards and three quarters in length in the piece.

And whereas conſiderable quantities of fine Yarn will be neceſſary for carrying on the ſaid trade, we are of opinion, that an allowance of 6l. per annum, be granted to ſuch perſons as this Board ſhall think proper to contract with, as a ſalary for a ſkilful Miſtreſs to teach Spinners to ſpin Yarn to perfection; and that the ſum of 5l. 10s. be granted them for the providing twenty Wheels, and two Chequereels for the uſe of ſuch Spinner, ſuch allowance to be paid on the Miſtreſs's ſatisfying the Board, that no Yarn under

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ſixteen dozen to the pound, has been ſpun by the ſaid Spinners.

And for the weaving ſuch Cambricks to perfection, we are of opinion, that a number of Eſtill-looms, not exceeding ſix, be granted to ſuch perſon as this Board ſhall think proper to contract with.

And whereas David Kennedy, one of the propoſers, has produced to your Committee the fineſt piece of Linen-cloth that has yet been laid before the Board, we are therefore of opinion, that he deſerves an encouragement for making Cambricks;

And in order to procure fine Flax for this uſe, we are of opinion, that Mr. Goddard, of Rotterdam, be deſired to provide a ſkilful Flax-dreſſer from Flanders, for the dreſſing and bruſhing of Flax to the higheſt perfection, for Cambricks and fine Threads, on the eaſieſt terms he can; that he contract with him for three years, and oblige him to teach ſuch number of apprentices as this Board ſhall think proper.

RESOLVED, That the ſtanding Orders of this Board be drawn out in a ſeparate book, to be peruſed by the Members.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1729—30.

Mr. Caſper White having acquainted the Board, that he had invented an engine for cleaning the Flax-ſeed imported from Riga for this Board, which would diſpatch the ſame in a ſhorter time, and with leſs expence, than by the methods now uſed,

RESOLVED, That Mr. White be directed to make the ſaid engine at the expence of this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ſt, 1729—30.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not pay for the carriage of any Flax-ſeed that ſhall be granted this year, and carried to any place within thirty miles of the Port where it ſhall be lodged.

RESOLVED, That this Board will pay to the perſons to whom Flax-ſeed ſhall be granted this year, half the expence they ſhall be at in carrying ſuch Seed, any number of miles which ſhall exceed the thirty miles aforeſaid.

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WHEREAS the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, have thought proper to appoint new Seals and Inſtructions for the ſeveral Lappers of this Kingdom, and whereas ſeveral of the ſaid Lappers have neglected to take out their ſaid Seals and Inſtructions; this is to give notice, that ſuch of the ſaid Lappers who ſhall neglect to take out their ſaid new Seals and Inſtructions, and deliver up their old ones by the 1ſt day of March next, ſhall be diſcharged from being Lappers, and their former Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions called into the Linen-Office.

And whereas ſeveral Complaints have been lately made to the Linen-Board, that Cloths are ſtamped by the Lappers ſo wet, as to occaſion them to mildew, to the great prejudice of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

This is to give notice, and charge all Lappers, that they punctually obſerve their Inſtructions, and lap up no Cloths ſo damp, as to occaſion them to mildew, which if they do, they will not only be diſcharged the ſervice of the Linen-Board, but will alſo be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt ſeverity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1729—30.

Whereas there are two thouſand nine hundred and four barrels of Flax-ſeed to be imported this ſeaſon, and that on an equal dividend of the ſaid Seed, the proportional ſhare to each County, will amount to ninety barrels,

RESOLVED, That where any Counties ſhall demand no more than ninety barrels, the demands of that County ſhall be allowed, and no deduction made from them.

The Counties of Catherlough, Clare, Fermanagh, Galway, Kerry, Kilkenny, King's-County, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Roſcommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Weſt-Meath, and Wicklow, demanding no more, or under their ſeveral proportions, amounting in the whole, to one thouſand one hundred and ſixty-nine barrels,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid one thouſand one hundred and ſixty-nine barrels, be deducted out of the two thouſand nine hundred and four barrels to be imported; and that the remainder, amounting to one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty-five barrels, be divided among the remaining fifteen Counties; by which each County will be entitled to a dividend of one hundred and fifteen barrels.

RESOLVED, That where any of the ſaid fifteen Counties ſhall demand no more than one hundred and fifteen barrels, the whole demand of that County ſhall be allowed, and no deduction be made from it.

The Counties of Cork, Dublin, and Queen's-County, demanding under the ſaid quantity, and the whole demand amounting to no more than two hundred ninety-one barrels,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid two hundred and ninety-one barrels, be deducted out of the above one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty-five barrels, and that the remainder, amounting to one thouſand four hundred and forty-four barrels, be divided among the remaining twelve Counties, by which each County will be entitled to a dividend of one hundred and twenty barrels.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1729—30.

Mr. Uſher's Report of the ſufficiency of Irons made for Spinning-wheels by Jonathan Blundell, being read,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 86l. to be paid to Jonathan Blundell, for one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty Irons for Wheels, purſuant to agreement.

John Engliſh, Lapper in the County of Meath, having attended purſuant to the orders of this Board, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Andrew Holman, and being called in and examined, and having acquainted the Board, that Abraham Robinſon, Callenderer, had callendered and re-lapped the ſaid Cloths, by which they were damaged,

ORDERED, That the ſaid John Engliſh do make Thomas Atwell (who appeared for the ſaid Holman) reſtitution for the damage ſuſtained by him, for the piece of Cloth ſo ſtamped by the ſaid Engliſh, and that Mr. Robinſon be directed to give in freſh bail as a Callenderer.

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WHEREAS Adam Dunkin, of the Pariſh of Tynan, and County of Armagh, appointed by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, a Lapper of Linen-cloth for the

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ſaid County, has counterfeited their Stamps, by cauſing the like Stamps as were delivered to him by the ſaid Truſtees to be made, in order to defraud the buyers of the Cloths ſo ſtamped;

This is to give notice to all dealers in Linen-cloth, and others, that the ſaid Truſtees have diſcharged the ſaid Adam Dunkin from his ſaid employ of Lapper, and called in his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions; and are reſolved to proſecute him for the ſaid offence.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ſt, 1729—30.

A Letter from Daniel O'Regan, Lapper in the County of Londonderry, with ſeveral Affidavits, in anſwer to the Complaint made againſt him by James Fletcher, being read, ſetting forth, that he could not poſſibly have attended, he having not received the Order for his appearance in time,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Daniel O'Regan have time till this day fortnight to attend to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; and that a letter be wrote to him, informing him, that then the Board expects he will attend; and that James Fletcher be directed to attend at the ſame time.

Robert Moore, Lapper in the County of Antrim, having attended to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Thomas Kiernan, and being examined, and it appearing that Mr. Kiernan was acquainted with the dampneſs of the Cloths when he ſhipped them for England,

RESOLVED, That Robert Moore be diſcharged from the ſaid Complaint; and that a Letter be wrote to the Rev. Mr. Philip Mathews, who was directed by the laſt Orders of this Board, to take up the ſaid Moore's Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to return them back to the ſaid Moore.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1729—30.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to conſider of the moſt proper methods of providing and importing Hemp and Flax-ſeed for the year 1730; and that they be deſired to report their opinion, in what manner, and under what reſtrictions and regulations it may be proper to diſpoſe thereof; and whether the ſetting up Oil-mills for the purchaſing degenerate Seed, and making Oil thereof, and giving out new freſh Seed of foreign growth, in lieu of ſuch Seed, may not be of advantage to the Linen Trade of this Kingdom.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 1729—30.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Meſſ. Smith and Leath, of Belfaſt, being read, was agreed to, with this Amendment; viz. that a Clauſe be inſerted in their Articles, that it ſhall and may be lawful for the Truſtees, to appoint ſuch perſon or perſons as they ſhall think proper, to inſpect the proceedings of the ſaid Smith and Leath.

Your Committee are of opinion that a Cambrick-preſs be provided for them, at the expence of this Board, but being not apprized what the expence of a Cambrick-preſs may amount to, they are therefore of opinion, that a letter be wrote to Mr. John Goddard of Rotterdam, deſiring him to let this Board know, at what price a good Preſs for Cambricks can be procured in Holland.

Alexander Alſhender, Lapper in the County of Tyrone, having attended purſuant to an order of this Board, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Darby Cullen, and it appearing that he had ſtamped the piece of Linen-cloth complained of, fairly and purſuant to his Inſtructions, he having made the lap-yard of the moſt torn part of the Cloth,

RESOLVED, That the Complaint againſt the ſaid Alſhender, be diſmiſſed, and that his new Seals be delivered to him.

Daniel O'Regan, Lapper in the County of Londonderry, having attended purſuant to order, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by James Fletcher, and the ſaid parties being called in and examined, and it appearing that the ſaid O'Regan had ſtamped the Cloths complained of, ſo damp, as to occaſion them to mildew, which is contrary to his Inſtructions,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Daniel O'Regan, do pay 11l. 7s. 10d. to the ſaid James Fletcher, for the damage by him ſuſtained by the Cloths ſo ſtamped by him the ſaid O'Regan, when he ſhall produce the ſtamped ends of the ſaid Cloths; otherwiſe that his Bonds ſhall be put in ſuit.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid O'Regan be diſcharged from his Office of Lapper, and his Seals called in.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee on Mrs. Alice Moore's Letter and Account, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that Mr. Moore be accepted of as ſecurity for his wife; and that the ſum of 25l. 1s. 5d. being one third of the ſum by her laid out, and to be laid out on the Bleach-yard, Buck-houſe, and Utenſils as aforeſaid, be inſerted in her Contract.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper manner of diſtributing the Spinning-wheels, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper manner of diſtributing the Spinning-wheels that are now making for the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, have from time to time met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that it be an Inſtruction to ſuch perſons as are intruſted with the diſtribution of the ſaid Wheels, that they be given to ſuch perſons only, who are not able to buy Wheels, and who the diſtributers are ſatisfied will make uſe of them. We are farther of opinion, that a Stamp be provided for each County of this Kingdom, for ſtamping all Wheels and other Utenſils belonging to this Board, which ſhall be lodged in the hands of ſuch perſon or perſons in each County, as this Board ſhall think proper.

SATURDAY, MAY 2d, 1730.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Wm. Smith, Bookſeller in Calver-ſtreet, Amſterdam, deſiring him to purchaſe and ſend over for the account of this Board, the ſame ſort of Preſs for Diapers, as James Bradſhaw diſcourſed with him about in Amſterdam.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1730.

Mr. Jolly having informed the Board, that the Pariſh of St. Bridget, wherein he reſides, had choſen him to act as Conſtable in the ſaid Pariſh, and whereas his acting in that employment, will hinder his attending the ſervice of this Board,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do wait on the Lord Mayor, and acquaint him, that the Board hopes he will order ſome other perſon to be appointed Conſtable in his room, he not being able to attend the ſaid office.

The Petition of Murtagh M'Keon, Bleacher, being read, praying that the ſalary promiſed him by this Board, for taking care of the Bleach-yard carried on by James Hamilton, Eſq; at Carlow, may be paid him, and that he may be continued for two years longer, as was promiſed him; and whereas the ſaid allowance was deſigned to be given to Murtagh M'Keon, although by ſome miſtake it has not been entered in the books;

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 10l. to be paid to the ſaid M'Keon, for one year's ſalary, due to him for taking care of ſaid Bleach-yard; and that the ſame allowance be continued to him for two years longer.

The Petition of John Browne, Porter, being read, ſetting forth, that being employed in carrying the Flax-ſeed imported by this Board, into the Linen Ware-houſe, he fell down a conſiderable height, with one of the ſaid Caſks upon him, which broke his ſhoulder-bone and three of his ribs, by which misfortune, he is rendered incapable to get his livelihood, and therefore prays ſuch relief as this Board ſhall think fit.

RESOLVED, That a Warrant be drawn for 5l. to be paid to the ſaid John Browne, in conſideration of his ſaid misfortune.

RESOLVED, That no money be paid to the Flax-men employed by this Board, on account of Wooden Tools by them provided, until an Affidavit of the expence of ſuch Tools be laid before the Board.

The ſeveral Propoſals of Hugh Burnett and George Haſland, Reed-makers, being read, propoſing to make proper Reeds for this Kingdom, if encouraged by this Board,

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to a ſkilful Reed-maker, in order to engage him to ſupply the Kingdom with good and ſufficient Reeds.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper methods of providing and importing Hemp and Flax-ſeed for the year 1730, and in what manner, and under what reſtrictions and regulations it would be proper to diſpoſe thereof, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

In diſtributing the ſaid Seed, your Committee are of opinion, that no greater quantity than two hogſheads, nor leſs than one barrel, be given to any one perſon; and that this Board may be better appriſed who the perſons are who apply for Seed, your Committee are of opinion, that whoſoever ſhall apply for it, ſhall ſet forth in their application, the place of their abode, the Pariſh and County wherein they live, and the Poſt Town where they may be directed to.

Your Committee are alſo of opinion, that the giving ſome encouragement for ſetting up Oil-Mills, to be employed in making Oil of degenerate Flax-ſeed, would be of great advantage to the Linen Trade of this Kingdom.

The Report of the Committee on the Petitions and Account of Joſhua Carleton, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find, that by a contract entered into by him and company, they were obliged to make up 1200l. worth of Boſs yearly, during ſeven years; and that they ſhould in each of the ſaid years, make or cauſe to be made, at leaſt eighteen hundred bundles of Boſs, for which they were to be paid a premium of 5l. per cent. per annum, provided the ſame were made and ſold at 13s. 6d. per bundle, or under.

Your Committee are of opinion, that his preſent demand of 35l. 8s. 9d. premium, be paid him, on his entering into bond, to make up a deficiency of 968l. 19s. 9d. worth of Boſs, within the time unexpired of his preſent Contract, over and above what is to be made annually by ſaid Contract.

SATURDAY, MAY 30th, 1730.

Whereas the Board have received information, that ſeveral perſons do frequently play ball in the piazzas of the Linen-Hall, to the prejudice of the ſame, and to the obſtruction of the buſineſs there;

RESOLVED, That the Porter of the Gate be directed to prevent ſuch practices for the future; and that public notice be poſted up, ſetting forth, that this Board will not admit any perſons to play ball in the ſaid piazzas.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher write a Letter to William Stephenſon, Factor at the Linen-Hall, directing him to attend the Board on Saturday next, to be examined as to the ſelling the Flax-ſeed diſpoſed of by this Board.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition and Account of Paul Johnſton, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition and Account of Paul Johnſton, praying a premium for Tapes and Threads, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that this Board has laid out the ſum of 415l. 10s. 5d. for providing utenſils, in order to enable the ſaid Paul Johnſton to carry the making of Tapes and Threads to perfection, after the Dutch manner; and on application to this Board, came to an agreement with him, to allow him a premium of 6l. per cent. per annum, for the capital ſtock of 500l. or any part thereof which he ſhould employ in making Tapes, Threads, and Thread Laces for two years.

And though the aforeſaid encouragement has enabled the Petitioner to make large quantities of Tape for home conſumption, yet in as much as the exporting thoſe commodities will be of more ſervice to the Kingdom, and that on ſuch exportation, the Petitioner will be a conſiderable time out of his money,

Your Commitee is therefore of opinion, that the ſaid premium of 6l. per cent. per annum, be allowed him for three years, for any goods of the aforeſaid kinds which he ſhall export, provided ſuch premium do not exceed 30l. in any one year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee on ſeveral Letters from Smith and Leath of Belfaſt, was read, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider ſeveral Letters from Smith and Leath of Belfaſt, have met, and find by Mr. Leath's Letter to Mr. Veſey, that he has made ſome improvements on the Sleaing-ſcale, which he laid before this Board; and farther informs him, that if the Board thinks that his ſtudy deſerves their approbation, he will apply himſelf

ſelf to think of what may tend moſt to the improvement of each branch of the Linen Manufacture; he alſo adds, that he hopes the Board will allow to his Company the encouragement of one penny per day, to the Spinners employed in his School for the improvement of the Cambrick Manufacture, without which he can hope to make but little progreſs in that Trade.

Your Committee are of opinion that a Letter be wrote to him, aſſuring him that this Board takes great pleaſure in ſeeing any improvements made in the Linen Trade, and that their countenance and aſſiſtance ſhall not be wanting to further any inventions that may be of ſervice to it.

As to the encouragement of one penny per day, which he deſires for the Scholars employed in his School, your Committee find that there is a reſolution of this Board, to take away the encouragement of one penny per day from the Scholars employed in all the Schools in this Kingdom, and another whereby it is reſolved, that no encouragement ſhall be given for ſetting up Spinning-ſchools in the Northern parts of this Kingdom, though your Committee were inclined to grant him his demand, yet they could not come to that reſolution, as it would be againſt the orders of this Board; but your Committee apprehend that when thoſe orders were conceived, the Board had not the encouragement of the Cambrick Manufacture in view, or there would have been ſome ſaving made for the caſe at preſent before us.

Whereas the ſpinning of fine Yarn is abſolutely neceſſary for the carrying on the Cambrick Trade, and the Spinning-ſchool granted to Meſſrs. Smith and Leath, is the only one that has been ſet up for that purpoſe;

RESOLVED, That a penny per day be allowed to each ſcholar who ſhall work in the Spinning-ſchool, granted to the ſaid Smith and Leath, at Belfaſt, on Affidavit that the Yarn by them ſeverally ſpun, was of the fineneſs of ſixteen dozen to the pound or upwards.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Thomas Turner, propoſing to improve the Yarn, Linen and Diaper Trades of this Kingdom, and praying this Board would reſtore him to his former Salary, or grant him ſuch encouragement as this Board ſhall think proper, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee find that he ſets forth in his Memorial, that by a method which he has found out, he can bring Linen-yarn to a high white in about twelve days time, and that by twiſting that Yarn in a Twiſting-mill, when ſo whitened, the Yarn is rendered ſo much finer as it is reduced to a leſs cylinder, and therefore capable of being wrought in an higher Slea, and the Cloth much benefited thereby: all which has ſo much the appearance of reaſon in it, that your Committee are of opinion, that in order to enable the ſaid Turner, to proceed in making experiments of the ſaid Theory, the ſum of 20l. be lodged in Mr. Waring's hands, to be by him paid to Thomas Turner as he ſhall find he proceeds in ſaid experiments, and that a ſalary of 20l. per annum be paid him for two years for his ſubſiſtence, to commence from Lady-day laſt.

William Stephenſon, a Factor in the Linen-Hall, not having attended purſuant to ſeveral orders of this Board,

RESOLVED, That he be ſuſpended from his Office of Factor in the Linen-Hall, for his ſaid neglect.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th, 1730.

The Petition of Thomas Adams near Colerain, in the County of Londonderry, being read, complaining that Moſes Kelly, one of the Factors in the Linen-Hall, to whom he had conſigned ſome Linen Cloths, had acted contrary to his inſtructions, and would not make up any account for the ſame,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to next Thurſday's Committee, and that a copy of the ſaid Petition be delivered to the ſaid Kelly, and that he be directed to attend the ſaid Committee, to anſwer the ſaid complaint.

The Petition of John Hutchinſon, of the City of Dublin, Linen Draper, being read, praying this Board would appoint him a Factor in the Linen Hall, and a Certificate ſigned by a conſiderable number of the Linen Dealers in Colerain, recommending him for the ſaid employment, being alſo read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition and Certificate be referred to next Thurſday's Committee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 1730.

The Board having reaſſumed the conſideration of the Petition of Thomas Adams, complaining of Moſes Kelly, a Factor in the Linen-Hall, for acting contrary to his inſtructions, and not coming to any account for Cloths lodged with the ſaid Kelly,

RESOLVED, That the Committee be diſcharged from conſidering the ſaid Petition; and the ſaid Adams and Kelly being called in and examined,

RESOLVED, That the matter in diſpute be left to the arbitration of Mr. Mears and Charles Braddock, Linen Drapers, and in caſe they cannot agree on the ſaid matter, that then Mr. William Moore be appointed as an Umpire, to determine the ſaid difference.

A Letter from George Sherſton and George Lawe, Clerk and Chamberlain to the Linen-Hall, of this date, being read, informing the Board, that James Bluett, Watchman at the Linen-Hall, was obliged to go to the Country, and that they had ordered William Wilſon, one of the Porters in the Linen-Hall, to ſupply his place,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid William Wilſon, be appointed in the room of James Bluett, to watch in the Linen-Hall till his return, and that he be paid by the ſaid Bluett for the ſame.

SATURDAY, JULY 4th, 1730.

The Petition of Robert Hall, Lapper, in the County of Armagh, being read, in anſwer to the complaint made againſt him by James Huey, wherein he ſets forth that Mr. Huey makes a practice of turn-lapping Linen Cloth, and watering them, by which they are mildewed, and though fairly ſtamped by the Stampers, yet as no new ſtamps are put on them when ſo turn-lapped, he makes the firſt Lapper be reſponſible for the damage, and ſeveral affidavits confirming the ſaid allegations, being alſo read,

RESOLVED, That Letters be written to Mr. Moore of Drumbanagher, and the Rev. Mr. Matthews, deſiring them to examine that matter, and that a Letter be wrote to James Huey, directing him to attend the ſaid Gentlemen, and make out his complaint againſt the ſaid Hall, and that they be alſo deſired to make their report to this Board, how they find that matter, and in the mean time Mr. Moore

Moore be desired to return the said Hall his Seals, Commission and Instructions.

SATURDAY, July 11th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider what encouragement may be proper to be given to a skilful Reed-maker, and the several proposals of Hugh Burnett and George Hasland, Reed-makers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to consider what encouragement may be proper to be given to a skilful Reed-maker, in order to engage him to supply the Kingdom with good and sufficients Reeds, and to consider the several proposals of Hugh Burnett and George Hasland, Reed-makers, proposing to make proper Reeds for this Kingdom, if encouraged by this Board, have met and considered the same; and having examined Hugh Burnett one of the proposers, and examined also patterns of his work,

Your Committee are of opinion that if this Board shall think proper to provide Reeds for the several parts of this Kingdom, the said Hugh Burnett be agreed with, at the prices hereafter set down for the following sets, viz.

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per Hundred of French Cane.

But whether this Board will think it necessary to provide Reeds for the several parts of this Kingdom, and after what manner they are to be distributed is humbly submitted to their consideration.

SATURDAY, September 5th, 1730.

The Board having received information that several persons, some of which are of Rank and Condition, have sold the Flax-seed granted them by this Board (in order to be by them distributed to poor people who are not well able to buy the same) for Yarn-labour-money and other considerations,

Resolved, That the following advertisement be printed in the News-papers, and that four hundred copies of the said Advertisement be printed in separate papers to be sent to the several parts of this Kingdom.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture have received information, that several persons, and some of Rank and Condition, have sold for Yarn-labour-money and other considerations, Flax-seed granted them by the Board, in order to be by them distributed to poor people who are not well able to buy the same,

Now to prevent the like practices for the future, the said Trustees do hereby give notice, that any person who shall hereafter give sufficient information to the Board of such scandalous practices, shall receive from the Trustees the sum of 5l. as a reward for such information; and the names of the persons so offending, upon proof thereof, shall be inserted in the Gazette, in order to inform such persons charged, that their Bonds will be put in suit with the utmost rigour of law.

Hugh Montgomery, appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall, on his giving Security for his performance, and he having proposed Samuel Kerr and Robert Hunter, Linen-Drapers, as his Security,

Resolved, That they be accepted of as his Security.

SATURDAY, October 3d, 1730.

Thomas Jolly's Report being read, informing the Board that he found in the Linen-Hall, in the custody of one George Goghan, a parcel of Linen Cloths, all newly Turn-lapped, on part of which Cloths the Turn-lapper had put an old Harp and Crown; and on farther enquiry into the matter, he was informed that they were so Turn-lapped by one Bryan Conron, at the Blackmoor's-Head, in Church-Street, whither he went, and found the said Bryan Conron and four others Turn-lapping of Linen Cloth, who confessed that they had Turn-lapped the said Cloths.

Resolved, That Mr. Jolly give the said Bryan Conron, directions to attend this Board on Saturday next, to answer the said complaint.

Mr. William Smith of Amsterdam's Letter being read, informing the Board that he had shipped the Linen-press for the use of James Bradshaw, by order of this Board, and Mr. Usher having laid a Bill drawn by the said Smith, in favour of Mr. John Finlay, for the expence of the said Press, before the Board,

Ordered, That a Warrant be drawn for 73l. 14s. 8d. to be paid to Mr. Finlay, to discharge the said Bill.

Resolved, That the said Press be set up in the Linen-Hall, and that Mr. Molyneux the Iron-monger, be desired to view the same, and inform the Board at what price he will undertake to make such another.

The Petition of Patrick Carr, Flax-dresser, being read, praying that this Board would lend him a set of Flax-hatchels, and a pattern of his work being also laid before the Board,

Ordered, That a set of Flax-hatchels be lent to the said Patrick Carr, on his giving Security to return them when demanded.

Several Letters from Charles Coote, Esq; being read, with an account of what Linen Cloths were stole out of the Bleach-yards in and about Coote-hill, in the County of Cavan, and praying this Board would please to lay the same before their Excellencies the Lords Justices, to procure a Proclamation against the persons who have stolen the said Goods, and such as will presume to do the like for the future, wherein should be inserted not only a reward for such, who shall discover such persons, but a free pardon to any of the persons concerned who shall discover their accomplices, otherwise the Linen Trade of that Country will greatly suffer;

Resolved, That the said Letters be referred to next Thursday's Committee, who are desired to report their opinion thereon to this Board.

SATURDAY, October 10th, 1730.

Resolved, That if the persons to whom Spinning-wheels are granted, do not take them away in one month after they shall receive the order for them, they shall be otherwise disposed of.

Ordered, That Mr. Usher insert the above Resolution as part of his Letter, when he sends the orders to the several Gentlemen for the distribution of the Wheels.

SATURDAY, October 17th, 1730.

Certificates in favour of Adam Sharpley, of Church-Street, in the City of Dublin, being read, recommending him for a Lapper in the ſaid City,

As alſo Certificates in favour of Richard Bullard, of the City of Dublin, recommending him for a Lapper in the ſaid City,

Resolved, That they be appointed public Lappers in the City of Dublin, on their giving the ſecurity of 100l. each, for the due execution of their Offices, and paying for their Seals.

A Letter from Mr. Juſtice Coote, being read, informing the Board that the ſecurity formerly given by Joſhua Bevan, of Coote-Hill, in the County of Cavan, for his due execution of the office of Lapper is not ſufficient, and alſo moving the Board, that David Turkington, formerly appointed Lapper in the County of Armagh, and now removed to Coote-Hill, might have his Seals altered to Cavan, and give in freſh bail,

Resolved, That the ſaid Bevan and Turkington, be directed to give in freſh bail, and that the ſaid Turkington's Seals, be altered from Armagh to Cavan.

SATURDAY, October 24th, 1730.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Richard and John Townſend, Eſqrs. being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Richard and John Townſend, Eſqrs. propoſing to ſet up an Hempen Manufacture at Williamſtown, in the County of Corke, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by the ſaid Memorial and Mr. Jolly's Report, who was directed by the Board to view the ſaid Manufacture; that they have been at great expence in erecting proper buildings, and purchaſing neceſſary utenſils for the carrying on the ſaid undertaking, on a proſpect of having ſome encouragement from this Board.

Your Committee came to the following reſolutions, viz.

That they enter into contract to build a Hemp-mill, Store-houſe, and Houſe for a Miller at Williamſtown aforeſaid, as ſet forth in their Memorial.

That they be under Contract to keep the ſaid Hemp-mill in good repair for the ſpace of ſeven years, to be computed from the day of and oblige themſelves to beat all merchantable Hemp which ſhall be brought to the ſaid Mill, taking no more for ſo doing than 10d. per hundred weight.

The Petition of John Dobſon, being read, ſetting forth that he had ſet up in the City of Dublin, a Mill for extracting Oil from Flax-ſeed and other ſmall Seeds, and praying that this Board would pleaſe to grant him the decayed Flax-ſeed and other Seeds now lying in the Linen Ware-houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Seed be delivered to Mr. Dobſon, purſuant to the prayer of his Petition.

A Petition from John Erwin of Aunagh, in the County of Monaghan, confirmed by his Affidavit taken before William Jackſon, Eſq; being read, ſetting forth that William Stephenſon, a Factor in the Linen Hall, would not pay for ſome Linen Cloths ſold for his account by the ſaid Stephenſon, and praying this Board would order the ſaid Stephenſon to pay him his money,

Resolved, That William Stephenſon be directed to attend this Board on Saturday next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint.

SATURDAY, October 31ſt, 1730.

William Stephenſon, a Factor in the Linen Hall, having attended purſuant to the order of the laſt Board, to anſwer the complaint made againſt him by John Erwin, and being called in and examined,

Resolved, that a copy of the ſaid Complaint be delivered to William Stephenſon, and that he be directed to return an anſwer thereto, by Saturday next.

Whereas it appears by Thomas Jolly's obſervations in the Linen Hall, that the Lappers of Linen Cloths are become very careleſs in the ſtamping of Linen Cloth, by neglecting to clean their Seals, by which means the name of the Lapper is ſo blotted that it is a difficult matter to diſcover the Lapper's name,

Resolved, That the form of an Advertiſement relative thereto, be prepared to be laid before the next Board.

SATURDAY, November 7th, 1730.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, have received information that ſeveral perſons appointed by them as Lappers or Seal-maſters, are careleſs in ſtamping of Linen Cloth, and neglect to clean their Seals or take them off fairly, by which means the name of the Lapper is ſo blotted, that it is often a difficult matter to diſcover the Lapper's name, and alſo they do not lay out the ends of the Cloths ſo that the Stamps may be fairly ſeen, which is contrary to their inſtructions,

This is to give notice that if any of the ſaid Lappers, ſhall not for the future take off their Seals clean and fair, or neglect to lay out the ends of the Cloth ſo lapped or ſtamped by them, ſo as to be fairly ſeen, that for their neglect therein, they ſhall be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board, and their Bonds put in ſuit.

N. B. They are likewiſe to take particular care not to lap or ſtamp any Linen Cloths but what are ſufficiently dry, to prevent their being mildewed.

Several Letters from Mr. Juſtice Coote being read, informing the Board that Joſhua Bevan, Lapper in the County of Cavan, who was directed to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to Mr. Juſtice Coote, would not comply with the orders of the Board,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to Joſhua Bevan, directing him immediately to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to Mr. Juſtice Coote, and informing him, that if he preſumes to ſtamp any more Cloths with the ſaid Seals, he will be immediately proſecuted.

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Juſtice Coote, informing him of the ſaid Reſolution, and deſiring him to take the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions of Joſhua Bevan, into his Cuſtody.

SATURDAY, November 28th, 1730.

The Board took into conſideration the diſtribution of the Wheels for the County of Tyrone, and agreed on a liſt of perſons to diſtribute the ſame.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1730.

The Board having proceeded to the diſtribution of the Flax-ſeed, purſuant to the laſt orders, fixed on a liſt of perſons to whom the ſame ſhould be granted for the enſuing year.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1730.

Two Letters from Mr. Juſtice Coote, being read, informing the Board that Joſhua Bevan, Lapper in the County of Cavan, ſtill continues his obſtinacy in refuſing to comply with the orders of this Board, he not yet having delivered up his Commiſſion and Inſtructions as he was directed,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Joſhua Bevan, be diſcharged from ever acting as a Lapper, and that an Advertiſement be prepared to be laid before the next Board, wherein ſhall be ſet forth the reaſon for diſcharging the ſaid Bevan from his office of Lapper.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1730.

RESOLVED, That all the Flax-ſeed that ſhall be imported next year for the Truſtees, ſhall be imported from the Baltic.

RESOLVED, That inſtructions be given in due time, that the ſame be of the beſt kind of next year's growth.

RESOLVED, That the Right Honourable the Lord Forbes, William Burgh, Luke Gardiner, Henry Roſe and Francis Lucas, Eſqrs. or any three of them, be a Committee, to conſider what may be the moſt proper manner for the Accountant General, to make regular returns to the Vice-Treaſurers, of ſuch ſums of money as are applicable to the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture, and veſted in this Board, ſo as the ſame may be by the ſaid Vice-Treaſurers, appropriated to the ſaid uſe, and to no other whatſoever.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Committee do meet on Tueſday next, and that all Truſtees that come have votes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1730.

The Report from the Committee appointed to conſider what may be the moſt proper manner for the Accountant General, to make regular returns to the Vice-Treaſurers, of ſuch ſums of money as are applicable to the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture, and veſted in this Board, ſo as the ſame may be by the Vice-Treaſurers reſerved for the ſaid uſe, and for no other whatſoever, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that application be made to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, that directions be given to the proper Officer, to lay before the Linen Board, from time to time, a quarterly account of the net produce of the ſeveral duties appropriated by Parliament, to the uſe of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, as ſoon as the accounts of the King's Revenue are made up, and that they be certified in like manner, and that the ſame commence from Lady-day 1730.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, with a copy of the above Reſolutions.

The Petition of John Holden, being read, ſetting forth that he has invented a new method for the making of Diapers and Linen Cloth, and praying encouragement for the ſame,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jolly be directed to make proper experiments of his ſaid Inventions, and report how he ſhall find the ſame to this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1730—31.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Richard Hall, and his account of his Diſburſements in making the Bleach-yard at Drumcondra, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee conceive from the great expence this Board was at to inſtruct and ſet up the ſaid Hall, that it was expected he ſhould bring the art of bleaching to the ſame perfection here, that it is in Holland, and that he ſhould inſtruct others in the ſame, which we find is included in his Contract;

And having examined the ſaid Hall, we are of opinion that he has not anſwered any part of his engagements, and are therefore farther of opinion that the ſaid Richard Hall ſhould not receive any farther encouragement from this Board.

RESOLVED, That a proper Loom be provided for John Holden, to try his experiments, and that 10s. per week be allowed him for his ſubſiſtence, during the pleaſure of this Board, and that the Lord Biſhop of Meath be deſired to furniſh him with money, not only for his ſubſiſtence, but for Yarn and other neceſſaries to carry on the ſaid work.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1730—31.

An anonymous Letter of the 1ſt inſtant, being read, ſetting forth that there are great abuſes committed by ſeveral perſons in procuring the Flax-ſeed given out by this Board, and making ſale thereof,

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be printed, informing the ſaid perſon, that if he can make out the allegations in the ſaid Letter, he ſhall receive all due encouragement.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1730—31.

The Board having taken into conſideration the ſtate of their accounts, came to the following reſolutions, viz.

RESOLVED, That it appears to this Board, that the balance due from the Treaſury to this Board at Lady-day laſt, amounted to 6611l. 16s. 1¼d.

RESOLVED, That it appears to this Board by the Certificate of the Accountant General, that the duties veſted in this Board, for one quarter, ending Midſummer laſt, amounts to the ſum of 2111l. 19s.

RESOLVED, That it appears to this Board, that the ſum of 500l. was due to this Board for the fourth-part of the 2000l. allowed by Parliament, for the purchaſe of Hemp and Flax-ſeed, at Midſummer laſt.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher wait on Mr. Gardiner with the ſaid Reſolutions, and know whether he have any thing to object to the above charge.

RESOLVED, That his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin, the Right Honourable the Lord Forbes, Sir William Fownes, William Burgh, Arthur Hill, Henry Sandford, Francis Lucas, Henry Roſe and Samuel Waring, Eſqrs. or any three of them be a Committee, to conſider of a proper method for keeping the accounts of this Board, and that all the Members that come have votes.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, February 13th, 1730—31.

The Report of the Committee on Alderman Caſper White's account of the expence of building the Linen Ware-houſe, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider Alderman Caſper White's account of the expence of building the Linen Ware-houſe, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find by his Account, that he has laid out on the building the ſaid Ware-houſe, the ſum of 351l. 5s. 7½d. which we find to be juſt: We alſo find, that there was a balance of 267l. 16s. 11d. due from Mr. White to this Board the 6th of June laſt, on account of Flax-ſeed by him imported, which was ordered to remain in his hands, until he ſhould bring in his Account of what he ſhould expend in building the ſaid Ware-houſe, which deducted out of the above charge, there remains a balance due to Mr. White, of 83l. 8s. 8½d. which your Committee are of opinion ſhould be paid him.

Ordered, That a Warrant be drawn for 83l. 8s. 8½d. to be paid to Alderman Caſper White, in full for building the ſaid Ware-houſe; and a Warrant was drawn and ſigned accordingly.

Mr. Uſher acquainted the Board, that purſuant to the orders of the laſt meeting, he had been to wait on Mr. Gardiner with their ſeveral Reſolutions in relation to the Accounts of this Board; and that Mr. Gardiner returned for anſwer, that he had no objection to make to them.

FRIDAY, February 19th, 1730—31.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of a proper method for keeping the Accounts of this Board, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of a proper method for keeping the Accounts of this Board, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that two Books be kept by your Clerk, one of which ſhall contain an account of all money due from the Treaſury to this Board, and all drafts made on the Treaſury by this Board; ſo that one ſide of the book ſhall contain the debt of the Treaſury, diſtinguiſhing in three columns, the groſs ſum, the poundage and pells, and the nett ſum due to this Board, and the other ſide ſhall contain an account of what money ſhall be drawn on the Treaſury from time to time, diſtinguiſhing the date of each Warrant.

The other Book, your Committee is of opinion, ſhould contain an Account between your Clerk and the Board, in which all the Warrants drawn on the Treaſury in his favour, together with the balance due from him on ſettling his Account to Lady-day laſt, will be his debt, and the ſeveral Warrants drawn on him by this Board, and the ſeveral payments by him made for the ſervice of this Board, will be the credit; ſo that by looking into theſe two books, the Board may immediately ſee the ſtate of their Accounts with the Treaſury and their Clerk; but for the better underſtanding the methods propoſed, your Committee has ſettled the Accounts between the Treaſury and this Board, as far as we could be informed from the Certificates of the Accountant-General; and have drawn them out in the manner we are of opinion they ſhould continue to be kept: We have alſo drawn out the Account as it ſtands between your Clerk and the Board; and that alſo in the manner we are of opinion it ſhould be kept; both which we lay before you as part of our Report.

Resolved, That two books be kept in the manner mentioned in the above Report.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to conſider in what manner the fund veſted in this Board has been laid out; what branches of expence are neceſſary to be continued; what may be retrenched as unneceſſary; and how the fund may be diſpoſed of ſo as to turn to the beſt account for the ſervice of the Public, and to report their opinion thereon to this Board.

SATURDAY, February 27th, 1730—31.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to conſider whether it may not be for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture, to appoint ſome proper place for a Market, for the vending of Flax and Yarn.

SATURDAY, March 6th, 1730—31.

Resolved, That a ſworn Meaſurer be appointed to meaſure all the ſeveral Works done for the Linen-Hall; and that he be directed to lay the ſaid meaſurement before this Board.

SATURDAY, March 13th, 1730—31.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chief Baron Marlay having acquainted the Board, that one Widney had made a Complaint to him, that William Stephenſon, a Factor in the Linen-Hall, had ſold ſome Cloths that the ſaid Widney had conſigned to the ſaid Stephenſon, at a leſs price than he had ſet on them,

Resolved, That the ſaid Stephenſon be directed to attend this day ſe'nnight, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint.

The Petition of the Porters of the Cuſtom-Houſe-Quay being read, praying ſome conſideration for landing the Hemp and Flax-ſeed imported for this Board,

Resolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Meſſ. Smith and Leath, of Belfaſt, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Meſſ. Smith and Leath, of Belfaſt, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, by the ſaid Memorial, that the Dealers in foreign Cambricks do uſe all poſſible means to hinder the ſaid Smith and Leath from carrying on the Cambrick Manufacture in this Kingdom; and that it will be abſolutely neceſſary for the advancement of the Cambrick Trade, to allow a premium for Cambricks of a lower value than thoſe formerly agreed to: your Committee is therefore of opinion, that the ſaid Smith and Leath be allowed a premium of 6l. per cent. per annum, on the ſale of all the Cambricks by them made, as returned in an invoice by them formerly given in, from 4s. per yard to 6s. per yard; and that the ſaid allowance be continued for one year longer, from Lady-day next, ſo as the ſaid premium do not exceed the former ſum.

TUESDAY, March 30th, 1731.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider in what manner the fund veſted in this Board, has been laid out, what branches of expence are neceſſary to be continued, what may be retrenched as unneceſſary, and how the funds may be diſpoſed of, ſo as to turn to the beſt account for the ſervice of the Public, being farther taken into conſideration, purſuant to the laſt orders of this Board, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

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We the Committee appointed to conſider in what manner the fund veſted in this Board has been laid out, what branches of expence are neceſſary to be continued, what may be retrenched as unneceſſary, and how the fund may be diſpoſed of, ſo as to turn to the beſt account for the ſervice of the Public, have met ſeveral times, and conſidered the ſame, and find the whole expence of this Board for ſeveral years paſt, as ſtated in your books, comprehended under fourteen heads, as will more diſtinctly appear by the Paper hereunto annexed, marked Letters *A* and *B*, of which No. 1 and 14, are the conſtant and fixed expence of this Board, neceſſary for carrying on the buſineſs of the ſame.

All the other heads of expence are caſual, and have been various, as the Board thought they might conduce to the advancement of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures.

And your Committee, purſuant to your Orders, having conſidered each of the heads of your expence ſeparately, and which of them have beſt anſwered the zeal and unwearied application of the Board, for introducing, enlarging and eſtabliſhing the Linen Manufacture in this Kingdom, they are of opinion, that the expence under the Head No. 2. for Itinerant Flax-men, which the Board has been at for ſeveral years, be diſcontinued; and that no farther allowance ſhould be given to Itinerant Flax-men, after the 24th of June next; but that the tools which have at any time been lent them by the Orders of the Board, ſhould be given to them.

That all the Itinerant Hemp-men, except four only for Munſter, be diſcontinued likewiſe; but that the Hatchel-maker comprehended in this Article, be continued ſome time longer.

No. 3. for Spinning-ſchools, the number of which being fixed by the reſolution of the Board to twenty Schools only, at the expence of 11l. 10s. a year for each, we are of opinion, ſhould be continued under theſe Limitations.

No. 4, 13. Under theſe Heads, your Committee find great and various expences this Board has been at from time to time, for trials and experiments in order to promote and improve the Manufacture, very few of which have anſwered expectation, though the Board heard and received all ſorts of propoſals with the greateſt patience and attention, and aſſiſted the making all ſorts of experiments with the greateſt conſtancy, though under frequent diſappointments, as will more fully appear from the Paper hereunto annexed, marked Letter *C*, wherefore your Committee are of opinion, that the Board ſhould be ſatisfied with the experiments that have been already made, and diſcountenance, and as much as may be, diſcontinue this ſort of expence for the future; and that what can be ſaved on theſe and all other heads, be applied to No. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, for importing of Seed, making of Spinning-wheels, ſome Reels, Hatchells of the middling ſort only, and Looms of the common ſort only; and that they be diſtributed in all parts of the Kingdom, where any are deſirous, or may be induced to ſow Flax, ſpin, or weave it.

Becauſe your Committee having well weighed and conſidered this matter, are fully perſuaded, the growth and extent of this Manufacture, muſt be in proportion to the quantity of the material of which it is made, and that no endeavours can carry it beyond that; for the Spinners ſhould be in proportion to the Flax there is to be ſpun; the weavers ſhould be in proportion to the Yarn there is to be wove; and the Bleach yards in proportion to the Cloths that are to be bleached; for if there ſhould be more of theſe than there are materials to employ, they muſt hurt one another, and the Manufacture alſo; that the ſorts of Manufacture muſt depend on the materials, becauſe if there is not enough to ſupply each ſort, then that ſpecies of the Manufacture that can get the material from the other, will deſtroy or diſtreſs the reſt; and therefore, that the ſetting up of any new ſort of Manufacture in this Kingdom, or encouraging the ſame till there is a ſufficient quantity of Material to ſupply it, and all the others then ſubſiſting, muſt deſtroy ſome other ſpecies of the Manufacture, and may diſtreſs all the reſt.

That the benefit of this Manufacture to the Kingdom, ariſes from the quantity of the material and labour employed in it, not from the fineneſs of the one, or the ſkill of the other; becauſe that the quantity of coarſe and ordinary Linen uſed in the world, exceeds the quantity of the middling and fine infinitely more, than the coarſeſt web differs from the fineſt in price; coarſe Linen is within the ſkill of every body to ſpin, weave and bleach, with the aſſiſtance propoſed to be given by this Board; and the returns for coarſe Linens are quicker and more certain than for the fine, becauſe the demand is infinitely greater; whereas fine Linen requires more care, more ſkill, more money, and more fair weather, and is ſubject to more accidents, and conſequently will not be every body's employment; ſo that coarſe Linens muſt employ more people, more materials, and conſequently more of the lands of the Kingdom.

For all which reaſons, your Committee are humbly of opinion, that the whole care of this Board, and all the funds of this Board, ſhould be employed chiefly in raiſing of the materials, encouraging the dreſſing of Flax, ſpinning of coarſe Yarn, and weaving of ordinary Linens; and do conceive and firmly believe, that the ſeveral branches of this Manufacture would ſpring of themſelves from this ſtem in due time; and your Committee hope you will agree with them herein, and fix your reſolutions, and give your directions accordingly.

(A)

The ſeveral Articles of the Annual Expence of this Board, as ſtated in Mr. Uſher's Books, under their reſpective Heads.

No. 1. Salaries purſuant to Act of Parliament,
2. Salaries to Itinerant Hemp and Flax-men, and a Hatcheller.
3. Allowances for Spinning-ſchools.
4. Payments purſuant to Contracts.
5. For building the Linen-Hall.
6. Paid for Hemp and Flax-ſeed.
7. For Hatchels.
8. For carriage of Seed.
9. For Spinning-wheels and Reels.
10. For Spindles and Handles.
11. For making of Looms.
12. For Ball's-Bridge Manufacture.
13. Payments purſuant to Orders.
14. Paid Contingencies.

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A Particular of each of the foregoing Heads, with the Expence of each of them for one Year.

1	Officers attending the Board.	Secretary,	190 0 0		
		Aſſiſtant,	40 0 0		
		Door-keeper,	10 0 0		
		Meſſenger,	10 0 0		
		Itinerant-Inſpector,	40 0 0		
				290 0 0	
	Servants attending at the Linen-Hall.	A Clerk,	40 0 0		
		A Chamberlain,	35 0 0		
		A Porter,	18 0 0		
		Two Meſſengers, at 5l. each,	10 0 0		
		Two Watchmen, at 6l. each,	12 0 0		
				115 0 0	
14	Contingent Expences of the Board and Linen Hall.	Stationary Ware, Candles, Rent, Printing, Coals, Poſtage of Letters, Chips, News, Sand, Sweeping Chimneys, Furniture,	95 0 2½		
				95 0 2½	
2	Servants attending the ſervice of the Truſtees in the Country.	A Hatchel-maker,	10 0 0		
		Itinerant Flax and Hemp-men,	305 17 10		
				315 17 10	
6—8	—	Hemp and Flax-ſeed	5800 0 0		
				5800 0 0	
3	—	Spinning-ſchools,	128 18 4		
				128 18 4	
7—9, 10—11	For Tools. —	Hatchels,	47 10 0		
		Wheels and Reels,	1140 18 7		
		Spindles and Handles,	217 0 0		
		Looms,	188 10 3½		
				1593 18 10½	
4	—	Payments purſuant to Contracts,	640 2 5¼		
				640 2 5¼	
13	—	Payments purſuant to Orders,	352 16 10		
				352 16 10	
5—12	—	Buildings at Linen-Hall and Ball's Bridge,	1096 5 11¼		
				1096 5 11¼	
				£10428 0 5½	

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Bleach-Yards:	1722.	David Latimer, at Kells,	29 2 6	
	1722 to 1729	Richard Hall, at Drumcondra,	736 2 6	
	1723 to 1724	John Harper, at Drogheda,	200 0 0	
	1727 1728	Laurence Tallon, at Mullingar,	200 0 0	
	1727 to 1729	John Nicholſon, at Lurgan,	150 0 0	
	1727	Fletcher and Hillary, at Lurgan,	70 0 0	
		William Stewart,	12 0 0	
				1397 5 0
Broad Ticks.		Alexander Atkinſon, in Dublin,		20 0 0
Boſs.	1722 to 1728	Iſaac Davenport, at Coote-Hill,	155 8 0	
	1722 1728	Joſhua Carleton, at Coote-Hill,	208 17 0	
				364 5 0
		Carried forward,		1781 10 0

	Brought forward,						£1781	10 0
Cambricks.	1723 to 1726	John Keeler, at Liſburn,	—	—	—		26	18 0
Dowlaſſes.	1722 to 1723	Pharaoh Horſfall, at Kells,	—		56 11 6			
	1725 1726	Adam Ewart, at Drogheda,	—		49 15 1			
	1722 1723	Florence M'Carthy, at Caſtlereagh,	—		35 18 3			
	1726 1727	Jacob Goff, in Dublin,	—		75 17 9			
	1722 to 1727	Richard Harriſon, at Melleſont,	—		54 15 2			
	1723	John Wheeler, at Bandon,	—		15 19 11			
	1727	Robert Brereton, at Killough,	—		25 0 0			
	1723	Robert Parkinſon, at Killough,	—		5 0 0			
	1724 to 1726	James Smith, at Moyvore,	—		110 0 0			
							428	17 8
Hemp Manufacture.	1723 to 1726	John Ewer, at Waterford,	—		1215 1 3			
	1722 to 1727	Mr. Hoare, at Dunkittle,	—		1015 15 10½			
	1723 to 1727	Boyle and Lenox, at Rathkeal,	—		834 2 2			
	1725 to 1727	Laurence Steel, at Rathbride,	—		357 19 0½			
							3422	18 4
Flax-Shops.	1723 to 1728	Robert Strawbridge, Drumſna	—		90 0 0			
		William Holmes, at Dungannon,	—		75 0 0			
		Robert Brereton, at Killough,	—		134 7 6			
		George Campbell, at Antrim,	—		90 0 0			
		John Sutton, at Caſtle-Dawſon,	—		37 0 0			
							426	7 6
Linen Manufactory.		Lord St. George, at Headford,	—		80 0 0			
		Thomas Croſby, Eſq; Ballyhige,	—		530 0 0			
		Berkely Taylor, at Ballynort,	—		310 0 0			
		John Foſter, Eſq; at Collonmore,	—		100 0 0			
		Smith and Leath, at Belfaſt,	—		84 9 11			
		Philip Townſend, at Skibbereen,	—		100 0 0			
		William Hamilton, Eſq; Carlow,	—		83 10 9			
							1288	0 8
Linen Shagreen.		Joſeph Harriſon,	—	—	—	—	40	0 0
Stockings.		Goodwin Swift,	—	—	127 5 0			
		Daniel Deaſe,	—	—	30 0 0			
		Thomas Ogle,	—	—	18 10 0			
							175	15 0
Threads, Tapes.	1722 to 1726	Paul Johnſton,	—	—	321 0 0			
		Robert Jeſs,	—	—	8 16 6			
							329	16 6
Tufted Hollands.		Charles Gambier,	—	—	—		12	0 0
							£7932	3 8

SATURDAY, April 3d, 1731.

Resolved, That Mr. Jolly do lay before the next Board, an account of what Wheels lie now at the Linen Ware-houſe, by whom made, and for what County deſigned.

SATURDAY, May 1ſt, 1731.

The Board being informed, that Mr. Andrew Caldwell, of Sligo, ſtops the empty hogſheads from ſome perſons to whom the Flax-ſeed which was conſigned to him by the Linen Board was granted,

Ordered, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Caldwell, informing him, that if he make any demand for his trouble in delivering out the Flax-ſeed conſigned to him by this Board, they will pay him for the ſame; and deſiring him not to make any ſuch ſtoppages, but to deliver the empty hogſheads to ſuch perſons.

Thomas Jolly having acquainted the Board, that there is ſome foul Flax-ſeed now lying in the Linen Ware-houſe, which if cleaned might turn to ſome account,

Resolved, That the ſaid foul Flax-ſeed be delivered to Charles Coote, Eſq.

The Rev. Robert Richardſon's Complaint, being read, complaining of Michael Robinſon, Lapper in the County Tyrone, for having ſtamped a piece of Linen Cloth, which was damp and full of chalk duſt,

Resolved, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. Richardſon, informing him, that this Board cannot proceed to judge the ſaid matter, until the ſaid Cloth be produced before this Board.

Jacob Turner, who applied to this Board to be appointed a private Lapper in the County of Armagh, having without the orders of this Board, procured Seals and made uſe of them,

Resolved, That the ſaid Turner be directed to deliver up the ſaid Seals; which, if he refuſe to do, he will be proſecuted according to law.

MONDAY, May 3d, 1731.

Resolved, That the ſix thouſand barrels of Flax-ſeed to be imported by this Board for the ſervice of the enſuing year, be imported at the riſque of this Board; and that the ſame be inſured.

Resolved, That Alderman Caſper White be employed as a Factor to ſend for the ſame.

Resolved, That each of the ſix thouſand barrels of Flax-ſeed to be imported, ſhall contain three buſhels and an half, making in the whole twenty-one thouſand buſhels; and that the ſaid Seed ſhall be the beſt that can be procured of this year's growth.

Resolved, That the Right Hon. the Lord Forbes be deſired to move His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that he would be pleaſed to make proper application to the Governors of Riga, for leave that this Board may import ſuch Flax-ſeed as they ſhall have occaſion for, from thence, in ſuch Caſks as ſhall be moſt convenient for the carriage of the ſaid Seed.

SATURDAY, May 22d, 1731.

The Board having farther taken into conſideration the Complaint made by William Moore againſt John Nicholſon, Lapper in the County of Armagh, together with ſeveral Affidavits laid before the Board by Henry Greer, relating to the ſaid Complaint,

Resolved, That a Letter be wrote to John Nicholſon, directing him to make the ſaid William Moore reſtitution for the damage he ſuſtained by the Cloths ſtamped by the ſaid Nicholſon, in one month from this day; which if he fail to do, he ſhall be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board.

Resolved, That the ſaid Cloths be delivered to William Moore, the Stamps being firſt cut off, and kept as an evidence againſt the ſaid Nicholſon.

The Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Meath, having moved the Board, that ſome allowance may be made to John Holden, to enable him to carry on his project of weaving Diaper and Linen-cloth after a new method, by weaving one broad Diaper, or two ſingle pieces, by one hand,

Resolved, That 10l. be lodged in the hands of the Lord Biſhop of Meath, to be by him paid to the ſaid Holden for his ſubſiſtence, to enable him to carry on the ſaid project.

SATURDAY, May 29th, 1731.

It appearing by the Report made by John Phepoe and Thomas Jolly, that two of the pieces of the Linen-cloth laid before this Board by William Moore, and which were complained of as being rotten, and ſtamped by John Nicholſon, Lapper in the County of Armagh, were ſtamped at one end of each of the ſaid two pieces, John Turner, Armagh.

Resolved, That if the ſaid John Turner do not make Mr. Moore ſatisfaction for the damage in the ſaid two pieces of Cloth, by this day three weeks, the ſaid Turner's Bail ſhall be proſecuted.

SATURDAY, June 5th, 1731.

The Committee to whom Michael Wills's Accounts of what was expended in building the Linen-Hall, with what remained due to the tradeſmen and others employed in building the ſame, not having made any Report thereon, and the Board being informed, that Wheldon and Hord, the carpenters, were threatened to be arreſted by their under workmen, on account of the money due to them,

Resolved, That Mr. Uſher be directed to advance the ſaid Wheldon and Hord, the ſum of 80l. on account, until the Report be made on Mr. Wills's Accounts.

SATURDAY, June 19th, 1731.

Thomas Jolly's Remarks at the Linen-Hall, being read, and it appearing by the ſaid Remarks, that ſeveral Lappers had not taken out their new Seals, but make uſe of their old ones, contrary to the orders of this Board,

Resolved, That Letters be wrote to ſuch perſons as have not taken out their new Seals, directing them immediately to deliver up their old ones into the Office; which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, June 26th, 1731.

A Letter from John Nicholſon, being read, informing the Board, that he had made reparation to Mr. Moore for the Cloths ſtamped by him, and praying that this Board would reſtore him his Seals, and a Letter from Mr. Moore being alſo read, ſetting forth, that he was ſatisfied, he receiving the Linens,

Resolved,

RESOLVED, That the Linen-Cloths ſtamped by the ſaid Nicholſon, and lodged in the Office by Mr. Moore, be returned to him, the Stamps being firſt cut off; and that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Brownlow, deſiring him to deliver to John Nicholſon, his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions.

SATURDAY, JULY 3d, 1731.

George Willock having laid before the Board, an extraordinary fine piece of Linen Cloth, which he made in the County of Donegall, and praying that ſome Flax-ſeed may be granted him the next Seaſon,

RESOLVED, That for his encouragement, one hogſhead of Flax-ſeed be granted to him.

SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 1731.

Mr. Juſtice Ward having moved the Board, that Daniel Chappell ſhould be directed to take Edward Beck as his apprentice,

RESOLVED, That Daniel Chappell be directed to take the ſaid Edward Beck as his apprentice; and inſtruct him in his art of printing Linen-cloth, and dyeing Linen-yarn, purſuant to his Contract.

SATURDAY, JULY 24th, 1731.

A Letter from Mr. Juſtice Coote, being read, informing the Board, that William Sutcliff, who was appointed Lapper in the County of Mayo, was removed to the County of Cavan, and lends his Seals to one William Neal, who is a very great villain, which is contrary to his Inſtructions,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Sutcliff, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to Mr. Juſtice Coote; and that he be alſo directed to attend on Saturday next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, JULY 31ſt, 1731.

John Wilſon having attended the Board purſuant to Order, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Mr. Joſeph Hill, for lapping damaged Cloth, and it appearing that it is above four years ſince the ſaid Cloth was lapped, and that the damage complained of, has happened ſince the lapping of the ſaid Cloth, and it appearing that Mr. Hill had received from the ſaid Wilſon, the ſum of 2l. for the damage in the piece of Cloth ſtamped by him,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Wilſon be diſcharged from the ſaid Complaint; and that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Hill, informing him, that this Board do take it very ill, that he ſhould make a Complaint againſt a piece of Cloth ſo many years after the ſtamping of it; and alſo directing him to return the ſaid Wilſon the 2l. he received from him on account of the ſaid Cloth, with the charge he was at in coming up to town; and to let him know, if he refuſes to comply with this order, his Complaints for the future will have but little weight with the Board.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1731.

John Erwin, Lapper in the County of Down, having attended purſuant to order, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him, and being called in and reprimanded,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Erwin be diſcharged from the ſaid Complaint, on his paying Mr. Jolly, who informed againſt him, 5s. as a fine; and that a Letter be wrote to Thomas Waring, Eſq; deſiring him to return the ſaid Erwin his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions.

The Petition of Robert Reed, Flax-dreſſer, being read, ſetting forth, that ſeveral perſons had violently aſſaulted him and his comrade Michael Leary, and abuſed them, for working at the Flax and Hemp Trades within the City Liberties,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher be directed to write to the Lord Mayor, recommending the ſaid Reed to his care and protection; and that Mr. Jolly be directed to aſſiſt him in attending the Lord Mayor; and that if any expence ſhall attend the proſecution of the ſaid rioters, this Board will be at the expence, if legally convicted.

Whereas ſeveral Lappers to juſtify themſelves againſt the complaints made againſt them for not taking off their Stamps fair and legible, alledge, that their Stamps are ſo worn, that the evil practice is unavoidable,

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be prepared by the meeting of the next Board, informing all Lappers who have Seals which do not take off the impreſſion fairly, that they may ſend up their ſaid Seals to be mended.

The Anſwer of James Reed, Lapper in the County of Armagh, in anſwer to the Complaint made againſt him for having ſtamped a piece of Linen-cloth, which is twelvepence per yard worſe in the inſide than in the lap-yard, being read,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged from his ſaid employ; that he be fined 2l. for the damage in the ſaid Cloth; that he be directed to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to John Richardſon, Eſq; and that an Advertiſement be publiſhed, wherein his Proceedings ſhall be ſet forth; that the Board have diſcharged him from his ſaid employ of Lapper, that no perſon may employ him in future.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1731.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS ſeveral perſons appointed by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, Lappers or Seal-Maſters, do ſtamp Linen-cloth ſo blotted, that it is very difficult for any one to diſcover who ſtamped them, which ſeveral of them alledge, is occaſioned by their Stamps or Seals being ſo worn, that they cannot take them off fair and legible, as directed by their Inſtructions;

Now this is to give notice to all Lappers or Seal-Maſters, whoſe Seals or Stamps do not take off the impreſſion fair and legible, that they may ſend up their ſaid Seals or Stamps to be mended; and that for the future, if any Cloth ſhall be found ſo ſtamped or marked as aforeſaid, ſuch Stamper or Seal-Maſter will be diſcharged the ſervice of the ſaid Truſtees.

RESOLVED, That next Thurſday's Committee do conſider of regulating the management of the Linen-Hall, between George Sherſton, Clerk, and George Law, Chamberlain to the ſaid Linen-Hall; and that the ſaid Committee be deſired to report their opinion thereon to the Board.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1731.

RESOLVED, That application be made the next Seſſion of Parliament, that this Board may have power to increaſe the ſalaries of the Officers attending the Linen-Hall, with any ſum not exceeding 30l. as they ſhall think fit.

The Petition of Henry Moone, Porter of the Linen-Hall, being read, ſetting forth, that he is at an extraordinary expence in providing Brooms, Mops and Whiſks, for cleaning the Linen-Hall,

RESOLVED, That 3l. per annum be allowed the ſaid Moone, and added to his ſalary, to enable him to buy Brooms, Mops and Whiſks, for the cleaning of the ſaid Hall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2d, 1731.

RESOLVED, That an humble application be made to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, in the name of this Board, that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give directions to the Attorney-General, to proſecute the perſons concerned in the robbery and murder of John Craig, who was attacked on the 22d of September laſt, on the road near Drumcondra, and robbed of two packs of Linen-cloth, as he was carrying the ſame to the Linen-Hall; and that the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Meath, be deſired to apply to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, in the name of this Board, to the purpoſe aforeſaid.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1731.

The Lord Biſhop of Meath acquainted the Board, that purſuant to their laſt reſolution, he had applied to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to order the Attorney and Solicitor-General, to proſecute the perſon or perſons who robbed and murdered John Craig; and that His Grace had promiſed to give directions accordingly.

It appearing that the ſecurity for Gabriel Clarke, Factor in the Linen-Hall, was dead, and he having propoſed Nathaniel Boyd and Charles O'Neil, Eſqrs. as ſecurities in their room,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid ſecurities be accepted of.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1731.

Certificates in favour of William Dean, of the City of Dublin, Calenderer, being read, recommending him to be a public Lapper in the ſaid City,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a public Lapper in the ſaid City, on his giving the ſecurity of 500l. for the due execution of his office, and paying for his Seals.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1731.

Whereas Alexander Crawford, William Jones, and Archibald Fiſher, have applied for ſeveral quantities of Flax-ſeed, amounting in the whole to eight barrels, as being perſons reſiding in the County of Waterford, and whereas this Board has reaſon to believe, that there are no ſuch perſons in that County,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to Thomas Chriſtmas, Eſq; deſiring he may enquire whether there be any ſuch perſons reſiding in that County; and in caſe it ſhall appear that there are no ſuch perſons,

RESOLVED, That the Seed applied for in their names, be given to the Hon. Henry Boyle.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1731—32.

The Petition of James Reed, of the County of Armagh, being read, together with an Affidavit and ſeveral Certificates, ſetting forth, that the piece of Linen-cloth ſtamped with his Seals, and for which he was diſcharged the ſervice of this Board, was not done by any deſign,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Reed be reſtored to his office of Lapper, on his paying the fine laid on him by this Board for the ſaid offence.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1731—32.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding Order of this Board, that for the future, no Lapper who ſhall be once diſcharged from the ſervice of this Board for any miſdemeanour, ſhall ever be reſtored or re-admitted to his former employment.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement to the above purpoſe, be printed in the News-papers as uſual.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1731—32.

Whereas the permitting perſons who are not Members of the Linen-Board, to come into the Office during the ſitting of the Board, greatly hinders the proceedings of the ſaid Board,

RESOLVED, That it be an Inſtruction to the Door-keepers of this Board, that they do not permit any perſons to come into the Office during the ſitting of the Board, but ſuch as are Members.

Mr. Jolly's Remarks and Obſervations made at the Linen-Hall, being read, and he being called in, produced ſeveral Cloths lapped by the following Lappers:

One piece ſtamped by Ferdinando Loghran, Lapper in the County of Armagh, which is full of ſprits, and the Stamp ſo blotted, that it was very difficult to know who ſtamped the ſame,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Loghran, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to Thomas Clarke, Eſq; of Ardraſs; and that he be alſo directed to attend on Saturday the 12th of February next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

One piece ſtamped with the old Seals of Daniel Dunlap, Lapper in the County of Derry, which is torn,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Dunlap, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to the Chief Magiſtrate of Newtown Limavady; and that he be alſo directed to attend on Saturday the 12th of February next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

One piece ſtamped by Laurence Hobſon, Lapper in the County of Tyrone, which is bleached with Lime, and rotten, and he having neglected to anſwer a former Complaint made againſt him,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged from his ſaid employ; and that an Advertiſement be prepared againſt the next Board, informing the Public thereof.

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Whereas ſeveral Lappers, when diſcharged from their office of Lappers by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, do make frequent applications to the ſaid Truſtees to be reſtored to the ſame,

Now in order to prevent the great loſs of time and expence which neceſſarily attend ſuch applications, the Truſtees have thought fit to give notice, that they are come to a reſolution, not to reſtore any Lapper to his former employment, who ſhall be diſcharged for any miſbehaviour whatſoever;

whatſoever; and have given directions, that no Petition or application to that purpoſe be received.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1731—32.

Whereas by the laſt orders, the Lappers complained of were directed to attend on Saturday the 12th of February next,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Lappers be directed to attend on Tueſday the 15th of the ſaid month.

RESOLVED, That proper perſons be ſent immediately down to the ſeveral parts of this Kingdom, with proper Inſtructions to examine into the behaviour of the ſeveral Lappers.

RESOLVED, That ſuch perſons as ſhall be employed, be allowed 2s. 6d. per day, for travelling charges; and that they be paid ſuch conſideration for their trouble, on their return, as this Board ſhall think they deſerve.

RESOLVED, That it be referred to a Committee, to conſider of proper Inſtructions for the ſaid Itinerant Men.

RESOLVED, That Jeremiah Lawe, and Abraham Kidd, be appointed Itinerant Inſpectors into the behaviour of the Lappers; and that they be ſworn to make juſt and faithful Returns of their Proceedings, before they enter on their ſaid employments.

The Petition of James Carty, being read, complaining that he bought a piece of Linen-cloth from Moſes Kelly, Factor in the Linen-Hall, ſtamped by Thomas M'Kinſtry, Lapper in the County of Armagh, which fell into Holes on being waſhed, after it had been made up into ſhirts,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid M'Kinſtry, directing him to attend on Tueſday the 15th of February next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his bonds will be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1731—32.

Jeremiah Lawe, appointed by the laſt Orders of this Board, to be Itinerant Man to inſpect into the behaviour of the Lappers, was called in, and took the oath of an Itinerant Man.

Thomas Holliday, Linen-Draper, having attended to anſwer a Complaint made againſt Benjamin Gavan, Lapper in the County of Derry, and being called in, and examined, and it appearing that the ſaid Gavan is dead ſince his appointment,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Gavan's Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, be taken up; and that his Bail be directed to pay the Complainants, Mr. Jolly and Mr. Pettigrew, 2l. for his having acted contrary to his Inſtructions.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1731—32.

Whereas the quantities of Flax-ſeed which has been granted to ſeveral gentlemen, to be diſtributed by them among the perſons they have reſpectively recommended, are much ſmaller than the number of perſons ſo recommended, and that it is not in the power of this Board to know, who are the moſt proper perſons to be intruſted with the ſowing thereof,

RESOLVED, That Notes be made out to ſuch gentlemen, for the whole quantities ſo granted to them, that they may diſtribute the ſame to ſuch of the perſons by them recommended, as they judge may beſt deſerve the ſame.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th, 1731—32.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up proper Commiſſions and Inſtructions for the Inſpectors appointed to enquire into the conduct of the Lappers, and the ſaid Inſtructions being read, agreed to, and are as follow:

By the TRUSTEES of the LINEN and HEMPEN MANUFACTURES of *Ireland*.

Inſtructions given to *Jeremiah Lawe*, *Itinerant Inſpector* into the Behaviour and Conduct of the ſeveral *Lappers* in the Counties of *Down*, *Antrim*, *Derry*, *Donnegal*, and *Fermanagh*.

1ſt. You are upon your firſt going into any county, to obſerve how the pariſhes lie therein, that you may the better, and with more expedition, go to the houſes of each Lapper in ſuch county; and if you do not find in the pariſhes, the perſons whoſe names are returned to you as Lappers reſiding in ſuch pariſhes, you are to enquire whether ſuch a perſon did live in ſuch pariſh, and where he is now removed to, in order to viſit him, and return an account accordingly.

2d. You are to inform yourſelf after the beſt manner you can, of the characters of each Lapper, and how he performs his duty.

3d. You are to call upon them for their Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, and ſee that they be kept clean and in good order.

4th. Where any Lapper has been directed to give up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to any Juſtice of the Peace, and has neglected to comply with ſuch order, you are to take up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, and bring them up to the Board, and know why he neglected to obey ſuch orders.

5th. And where the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, have been delivered up to any Juſtice of the Peace, you are to call on ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, in whoſe hands they are, and deſire him to deliver them to you, to the intent that they may be returned into the Office.

6th. When any Lapper is dead, and the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions have not been returned to the Office, and that his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Bondſmen, have neglected ſo to do, you are to call upon them for the Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, and return them to the Board.

7th. You are alſo to inform yourſelf, of the characters and circumſtances of the ſureties given by each Lapper; and where you find that any of the ſureties are dead, or have failed, you are to give an account thereof, and direct ſuch Lapper to apply to the Board, there to give in proper ſecurity.

8th. If any of the ſecurities be removed from the places of their abode, in the Bonds mentioned, you are to return the name of the place, pariſh, barony and county, wherein he now lives.

9th. You are to take up all old Seals you meet with.

10th. You are to enquire whether any Lapper ſells any kind of liquor.

11th. You are to enquire whether any Lappers ſeal any Linens in Fairs or Markets, and if any ſuch are diſcovered by you, you are to return their names up to the Board, with the

the names of ſuch perſons as will make good the accuſation againſt them.

12th. You are to direct the Lappers to take off their Seals clean; and to put out both the ends of the piece fairly to be ſeen.

13th. You are to acquaint each Lapper, that many complaints come from abroad, of the Linens lapped and ſealed being ſhort in meaſure, the lap-yard by many degrees better than the reſt of the web, and many of them mildewed by their being made up moiſt; and that it is expected that each of them will take particular care to obſerve ſtrictly their Inſtructions in theſe particulars, and avoid all thoſe abuſes, or that they will be removed from their reſpective employments.

14th. You are to ſhew them the Advertiſement, that they may ſee in caſe of removal, they are not to be reſtored to their employments.

15th. If a Lapper happens not to be met with, you are to acquaint ſome diſcreet perſon of his family, with what is expected from him, and of the Advertiſement, and leave it in writing for him.

16th. If you hear of any perſon who makes uſe of any Seals, who is not commiſſioned by the Board, you are to repair to the place of ſuch perſon's abode, and to demand the Seals made uſe of by him, and you are to lodge Information againſt him, of uſing ſuch Seals, in order to his being proſecuted.

17th. You are alſo hereby required, to make juſt and weekly returns of your proceedings to the Board, and to keep a fair diary of all your proceedings, with the number of miles you travel each day, which you are to return to the Board.

18th. You are to acquaint the Lappers, that it is expected from them, that they ſhould return a Certificate on or before the 25th of March in each year, of their Sureties being alive, and where reſident.

19th. Let the Lappers know, that the boiling their Seals in ſtrong lees, will keep them clean, and purge them from filth.

20th. You are to enquire of each Lapper how the falſe colours are put on Linens, whereby they appear well coloured, and on the firſt waſhing the colour vaniſhes and the Cloth becomes yellow; this inquiry you muſt make among Bleachers and others as well as Lappers, the better to enable you to inform the Board on your return.

21ſt. You are to caution the Lappers not to lend their Seals, which if they preſume to do, they ſhall be puniſhed with the utmoſt ſeverity.

The like Inſtructions given to Abraham Kidd, for the Counties of Tyrone, Armagh, Monaghan and Cavan.

RESOLVED, That the Commiſſions and Inſtructions be immediately ingroſſed, ſigned and ſealed, and that the ſaid Itinerant Men, do ſet out on their inſpections by the 25th Inſt.

RESOLVED, That no buſineſs be tranſacted at the Board, while any perſon ſhall be preſent except the Members of the Board.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th, 1732.

Mr. Jolly having acquainted the Board, that a conſiderable quantity of Flax-ſeed lay in a Ware-houſe in this City, which he apprehends was obtained in a fraudulent manner from this Board,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do take out a replevin for the ſaid Seed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 1732.

Henry Brooke, Eſq; having acquainted the Board, that Anthony Finigan, of Brookſborough, in the County of Fermanagh, to whom Looms and other utenſils were granted by this Board, for carrying on a Linen Manufacture there, would not deliver up the ſaid Looms and utenſils purſuant to an order of this Board,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do take out a writ againſt the ſaid Finigan, to oblige him to return the Looms and utenſils ſo lent him by this Board, according to his Contract.

A Letter from Thomas Fleming, Eſq; to the Right Honourable the Lord Laneſborough, being read, propoſing to ſettle Anthony Finigan, in a Bleach-yard in the County of Cavan, if the Board will allow him the Looms and utenſils granted him for the County of Fermanagh,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Fleming's application, in favour of the ſaid Finigan, be rejected.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Brooke be deſired to take up the Looms and other utenſils granted by this Board to Anthony Finigan, and that he be deſired to provide a proper perſon to keep them employed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1732.

Whereas Abraham Kidd was directed to take up the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions of Anthony Finigan, which he not complying with, till he ſhould be repaid for his Seals,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher pay him for his Seals, the ſaid Finigan being diſcharged, but not for any miſbehaviour.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 1732.

Whereas a conſiderable quantity of the Flax-ſeed imported by this Board, has been found in the poſſeſſion of one David Gerrard, which this Board has reaſon to believe (by ſeveral informations they have received) has been obtained by ſome fraudulent means,

RESOLVED, That application be made to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, to deſire they will be pleaſed to order the Attorney General, to file an information againſt the ſaid David Gerrard, and all other perſons concerned in fraudulently obtaining and taking away the ſaid Flax-ſeed, imported by this Board for the uſe of the public.

SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 1732.

The Report of the Committee on Alderman Caſper White's accounts of Flax-ſeed, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to inſpect the accounts of Alderman Caſper White, of Hemp-ſeed and Flax-ſeed, imported into this Kingdom in the years 1730 and 1731, have met and conſidered the ſame.

We obſerve that when the ſaid Flax-ſeed was taken out of the barrels to be cleaned, it ſwelled and encreaſed to twenty barrels more than the number imported, which being added to one thouſand and eighty-one barrels imported in the year 1730 at Riga, it makes the number of one thouſand one hundred and one barrels.

And

And we beg leave further to obſerve, that the firſt-coſt of one barrel of the Flax-ſeed, imported in the year 1730, at Riga, was - - £1 6 0
The Freight of that barrel - 0 5 0
The Inſurance - - 0 2 0¼
Poſt-charges - - 0 0 1
Commiſſion - - 0 0 10
Cooperage - - - 0 0 8

Total of each barrel of Flax-ſeed 1 14 7¼
Premium deducted - 0 2 5

Total 1 12 2¼

And that the firſt-coſt of a barrel of Hemp-ſeed at Riga, imported in the ſaid year 1730, is £0 7 1
Inſurance - - 0 0 7
Freight - - - 0 2 6
Commiſſion - - 0 0 3

Total of a barrel of Hemp-ſeed 0 10 5
Premium deducted 0 2 5

Total £0 8 0

The firſt-coſt of one barrel of the Flax-ſeed, imported in the year 1731, at Riga - £1 14 8
Freight - - 0 4 6
Inſurance - - 0 2 10
Poſt-charges - - - 0 0 1
Cooperage and landing - 0 0 8
Commiſſion - - - 0 1 0

2 3 9
Net premium - 0 2 5

One barrel of Seed ſtands the Board in 2 1 4

The Board having taken into conſideration Abraham Kidd's returns, of the behaviour, ſtate and conduct of ſeveral of the Lappers in his diſtrict, came to the following reſolutions,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to William Spear, of Ballyclog, in the County of Tyrone, directing him to return the Seals of the late John Duffy, to have them altered, he being appointed in the room of the ſaid Duffy, and as it appears by the ſaid returns, that he makes uſe of the ſaid Duffy's Seals.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to John Armſtrong of Crew, in the County of Tyrone, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to the Rev. George Cope, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that he is in a Dead-palſy, that he has not ſtamped any Linen Cloth for theſe two years paſt, that one Haddock his Son-in-law, makes uſe of his Seals, and that his bail are two very poor men.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to Andrew Baxter of Tynan, in the County of Armagh, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to Edward Bond, Eſq; until he give in new bail, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that both his bail are dead.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to Hercules Wright of Cran, in the County of Armagh, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to Captain James Manſon, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that he is but in poor circumſtances, bears a very bad character, and that one of his bail is in mean circumſtances, and the other run away.

RESOLVED, That James Jebb of Kenahan, in the County of Armagh, be diſcharged from his employment of Lapper, and that he be directed to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to the Reverend Mr. Berkley Cope, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that his character is not very good, and that William Preſton, one of his bail, is dead.

The Board having proceeded to take into conſideration Jeremiah Lawe's returns, went through ſome part thereof, and came to the following reſolutions thereon,

RESOLVED, That Thomas Jebb of Clanatty, in the County of Fermanagh, be diſcharged from his employment of Lapper, and that he be directed to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to the Reverend Samuel Madden, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that he had lent his Seals for hire, to one William Souley, who went about the Country and ſtamped all Cloths without diſtinction.

RESOLVED, That Bonds and Inſtructions be ſent down to the Reverend Samuel Madden, to be entered into by John Croſs of Drumully, in the County of Fermanagh, it appearing by the ſaid returns, that John Clingen one of his bail has failed.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1732.

Certificates in favour of William Pollock of Mullyglaſs, in the County of Armagh, being read, recommending him to be a public Lapper, in the room of his late Father, in the ſaid County,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a public Lapper in the ſaid County, on his giving the ſecurity of 100l. for the due execution of his office, and that he be at liberty to make uſe of his late Father's Seals, they being of one chriſtian and ſur-name.

Ferdinando Loughran, having attended purſuant to order, to anſwer the complaint made againſt him, and he being called in and reprimanded,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged from the ſaid complaint, on his paying Mr. Jolly, who informed againſt him, 5s. 5d.

RESOLVED, That George Sherſton, Clerk of the Linen-Hall, and George Law, Chamberlain, be directed by Saturday next, to lay before this Board an account of what Dealers, or other Inhabitants in this City, have taken up Rooms for the lodging of Linen Cloth in the ſaid Hall, and for what time they have kept the poſſeſſion of ſuch Rooms.

RESOLVED, That a Board be ſummoned to meet on every firſt Saturday in each month at the Linen-Hall, to examine into the ſtate of the ſaid Hall.

The Petition of Herbert Carr of Belfaſt, being read, ſetting forth that Moſes Kelly, a Factor in the Linen-Hall, will not account with him for the Cloths he conſigned to the ſaid Kelly,

RESOLVED, That Moſes Kelly be directed to attend this Board on Saturday next, to anſwer the ſaid complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 20th, 1732.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Robert Turner, being read, was agreed to, with this amendment, " that he be alſo obliged to take care of the Contractors for

for Flax-ſeed, in the County of Kilkenny, as he is for the County of Tipperary," and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Robert Turner, propoſing to give proper inſtructions for the raiſing and preparing of Flax and Seed in this Kingdom, have met and conſidered the ſame, and do find that he has laid down very proper methods for cultivating the land proper for Flax-ſeed, for pulling, watering and ſaving both the Flax and Seed, and propoſes to give the neceſſary directions for that purpoſe in the Counties of Tipperary and Limerick, if encouraged by the Board; and whereas theſe Counties by reaſon of their ſoil, are eſteemed the beſt and propereſt for raiſing Flax and Seed in large quantities, and that the inhabitants are unacquainted with the proper methods of raiſing of Flax and Seed, but nevertheleſs, it appearing by ſeveral propoſals given in to the Board, that they are deſirous and ready to raiſe conſiderable quantities of Flax and Seed, in purſuance of the advertiſement ſet out by the Board,

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that a proper perſon be appointed to aſſiſt them in this uſeful work, and that Robert Turner be appointed Itinerant Man in the County of Tipperary, at the ſalary of 10l. per annum, to commence the 24th of June next, and that a farther premium of 10l. be given him as an encouragement the firſt year, he being obliged diligently to view the lands of ſuch as have ſown, or propoſe ſowing Flax-ſeed, in the County of Tipperary, and to give his advice and aſſiſtance to all perſons in the ſowing and ſaving ſuch ſeed, according to a liſt and inſtructions to be given by the Board, to the beſt of his ſkill and knowledge.

Your Committee are alſo of opinion that 7s. per buſhel, to be paid for all ſuch freſh good Flax-ſeed, that ſhall be raiſed in the County of Tipperary, and delivered in Clonmell by the Contractors for Seed, is as low as the ſame can be had for in proper quantities, to be delivered ſound and merchantable, and that it will be moſt convenient to deliver the ſame in new ſtrong ſacks, containing one barrel or four buſhels each, and that the ſacks be provided in due time, and viewed and approved by your Inſpector, as well as the Seed, and if the ſacks of one County be made by one perſon, at a certain rate, and with proper marks, your Committee are of opinion that there will be fewer complaints of loſs of Seed by the carriage, and that it will give better content to the perſons who ſhall receive the ſaid Seed, at the place where it is next to be put in ground.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 1732.

Robert Turner, appointed Itinerant Man in the County of Tipperary, being called in, took the Affirmation of an Itinerant Man.

SATURDAY, MAY 27th, 1732.

Whereas complaint has been made to this Board, that ſeveral of the Dealers in Linen Cloth of this City, do take up the Rooms in the Linen-Hall, with the Cloths they buy there, to the prejudice of perſons bringing Linen from the Country to the ſaid Hall,

RESOLVED, That the Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall, be directed to compel all buyers of Linen Cloth in the ſaid Hall, to remove ſuch Cloths as they ſhall buy in any part of the ſaid Hall, into ſome of the Rooms up ſtairs, immediately on their buying them, and that from thence they entirely remove them out of the Hall in twenty-four hours after.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29th, 1732.

The Petition of Robert Mountfort, Eſq; being read, praying this Board would grant him two Linen-looms, to enable him to carry on a Linen Manufacture at Killturkan, in the County of Kilkenny,

RESOLVED, That two Linen-looms now in the hands of John Smith, undiſpoſed of, be lent to Robert Mountfort, Eſq; on his entering into Bond to keep them conſtantly employed, and turn out of each of the ſaid Looms, eight hundred yards of good merchantable Linen Cloth yearly, as alſo to return them when demanded.

RESOLVED, That where any Lapper keeps an Alehouſe, ſuch Lapper ſhall be diſcharged the ſervice of this Board.

The Board having taken into further conſideration Abraham Kidd's returns, of the behaviour, ſtate and conduct of ſeveral of the Lappers in his diſtrict, came to the following reſolutions, viz.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to James Pringle, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to John Richardſon, Eſq; it appearing by the ſaid Returns, that he is very careleſs in lapping Cloth, and that he permits his Sons to ſtamp Linen Cloth with his Stamps.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to William Laverty and John Hadden, who were ſecurities for David Darragh of Killmore, in the County of Armagh, aſſuring them that if they do not immediately return the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions of the ſaid Darragh, they will be immediately proſecuted, it appearing by the ſaid Returns, that the ſaid Darragh is gone to America.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to William Coſtlee of Lurgan, in the County of Armagh, informing him that if he does not leave off the keeping of a Public-houſe, he will be diſcharged from his employment of Lapper, it appearing by the ſaid Returns that he ſells liquor.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the Bail of Richard Holden of Lurgan, in the County of Armagh, directing them to return the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions of the ſaid Holden, it appearing by the ſaid Returns that he is gone to Scotland, and has taken his Seals with him.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to George Spear of Tehallon, in the County of Monaghan, informing him, that if he ſuffers any one to ſtamp Linen Cloth with his Seals, he will be diſcharged the ſervice of the Board, it appearing by the ſaid Returns, that his Seals were in poſſeſſion of Robert Ellis, one of his Bail, and that the ſaid Ellis ſtamps Linen Cloth with his Seals.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to Joſeph Jackſon of Galloone, in the County of Monaghan, directing him to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions to Hugh Willoughby, Eſq; it appearing by the ſaid Returns that he was in Gaol, is very poor, and one of his Bail is removed.

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to John Engliſh of Oldcaſtle, in the County of Meath, directing him to return the Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions of the late John Bell, of Mullaghan, in the County of Cavan, it appearing by the ſaid Returns, that Abraham Kidd was informed,

formed, that John Engliſh had them in his poſſeſſion, as being Executor to the ſaid Bell.

Whereas ſeveral perſons in expectation of procuring Flax-ſeed from this Board, may neglect providing themſelves with any for the enſuing ſeaſon,

RESOLVED, That the following Advertiſement be printed in the News-papers, to inform the public of the Board's intention.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas many people in expectation of receiving Flax-ſeed *gratis* the enſuing ſeaſon, from the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, may neglect to raiſe ſeed for their own uſe, or to procure it from Foreign parts:

This is to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees do not deſign to give any Flax-ſeed for the enſuing ſeaſon, to any perſon whatſoever, except ſuch as have already given in their propoſals, and ſhall thereupon be contracted with by the ſaid Truſtees.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ſt, 1732.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Andrew Arnold, of London, and Company, being read, was agreed to, with this Amendment; viz. that they be at liberty to ſet up the ſaid Manufacture in the Counties of Limerick and Corke, or either of them, and which Report is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Andrew Arnold, of London, Merchant, and Company, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that they propoſe to erect a Sail-cloth and Sheeting Manufacture in ſome convenient place in the County of Cork, wherein they propoſe to ſet up twenty looms at preſent, and increaſe them to the number of ſixty Looms.

We find alſo, that they propoſe, if poſſible, to uſe no Hemp but of the growth of this Kingdom; and therefore propoſe to ſow one hundred hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed per annum, for ſeven years, if the Board will allow them the Seed for the firſt year *gratis*, and oblige themſelves to take off their hands all the ſurplus Seed at 5s. per buſhel, for the ſaid ſeven years.

As your Committee finds the ſaid propoſal reaſonable, we are of opinion, that on the ſaid Arnold, of London, and Company's entering into contract, to erect a Manufacture in the County of Cork, and employ therein ſixty Looms; viz. twenty Looms the firſt year, forty the ſecond, and ſixty for the remainder of the term of ſeven years, and obliging themſelves to turn out of each of ſuch Looms as they ſhall employ in Sail-cloth, one thouſand yards per annum, and out of each ſuch Looms as they ſhall employ in Sheeting, eight hundred yards per annum, that twenty Looms be lent them, on their giving bonds to return them when demanded; and that one hundred hogſheads of Hemp-ſeed be given to them before the 25th of March, 1733; and that this Board do oblige themſelves to take the produce off their hands, at 5s. per buſhel.

Thomas Jolly's Remarks at the Linen-Hall, being read, informing the Board, that James Pringle, of the County of Armagh, had ſtamped a parcel of Cloths for William Delap, the Stamps of which were ſo blind on the out-lap or boſoms of the Cloth, that it was difficult to diſcover who ſtamped them; and there having been ſeveral other Complaints againſt the ſaid Pringle for the like practices,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged from his employment of Lapper; and that he be directed to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to John Richardſon, Eſq.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1732.

A Letter from Meſſ. Schoales and Jebb, of Drogheda, being read, recommending Thomas Barton to be a Lapper and Stamper of all Linens brought to the Market of Drogheda,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do acquaint them, that the Board does not appoint Lappers for the inſpection of any Markets; but, if that part of the country wants a Lapper to lap and ſtamp the Linens made thereabouts, this Board will appoint a Lapper there on proper Certificates.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do ſend them the form of a Certificate, for the appointment of a Lapper.

James Uſher and Charles M'Guire, having applied to the Board to withdraw their ſecurities for Terence M'Guire, who was appointed a Porter in the Linen-Hall, on their being bail for the due execution of his office; and it appearing that the ſaid M'Guire is not a proper perſon to be employed as a Porter of the ſaid Hall,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Terence M'Guire be diſcharged from his employment of Porter; but that the bail-bonds be kept in the Office, in caſe the ſaid Terence M'Guire ſhould appear in any wiſe to have miſbehaved.

RESOLVED, That the Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall be directed to order the Porters of the ſaid Hall to clean the Hall and the Street before the ſame; and in caſe they neglect or refuſe the ſame, that he acquaint the next Board of ſuch neglect or refuſal.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1732.

RESOLVED, That no Porter or Porters be allowed to employ a Deputy or Deputies, to carry any goods for him or them, to, from, or out of the Linen-Hall, or any place near thereunto, ſo as to engroſs the cuſtom of the ſaid Hall.

RESOLVED, That the Porters of the Linen-Hall be directed to carry the goods which ſhall be delivered to them, to ſuch place, as the perſon or perſons who ſhall employ them ſhall direct, immediately on the receipt of ſaid goods, without any delay.

RESOLVED, That notice be given to the Chamberlain, to ſee that the Porters do act according to the ſaid Reſolutions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1732.

Thomas Jolly's Report of the Cloths laid before the Board by Thomas Atwell, ſtamped by John Nicholſon, Lapper in the County of Armagh, being read, and it appearing that the Cloth complained of has been made up into Shirts a long time ſince the lapping of the ſaid Cloths, and as the damage in ſo long a time, might have happened to the ſaid Linen ſince the lapping thereof,

RESOLVED, That John Nicholſon be diſcharged from the ſaid Complaint.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1732.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be printed, containing a liſt of the names of ſuch perſons as are now marked down for Flax-ſeed, in the Provinces of Leinſter and Munſter, with an account of the ſeveral quantities

granted to each perſon; and deſiring all perſons in thoſe Provinces, who ſent in their names before the 1ſt of July laſt, and are not taken notice of in the ſaid liſt, to procure farther recommendation to the Linen-Board, before the 15th day of next month, the Board having in that liſt provided for all ſuch perſons as came well recommended to them; which if they fail to do, no farther notice will be taken of them.

The Rev. Dean Percival's Complaint being read, ſetting forth, that Garret Fagan, one of the Porters of the Linen-Hall, was a vile, drunken, ſwearing, blaſpheming fellow, and therefore applying to have him removed from being a Porter,

Resolved, That the ſaid Garret Fagan be diſcharged from his employment of Porter at the Linen-Hall; and that his badge be immediately returned into the Office.

SATURDAY, December 2d, 1732.

Thomas Gregg, of Coleraine, in the County of Derry, Linen-Draper, having acquainted the Board, that he loſt a piece of Linen out of a pack of Cloth, while it was under the care of George Porter and James Aſton, two of the Porters of the Linen-Hall, as they were counting them;

And whereas the ſaid Cloth (if ſtolen) could not have been carried out of the Linen-Hall, if the Porter at the gate had done his duty:

Resolved, That Henry Moone, Porter of the Gate, and George Porter and James Aſton, Porters, do pay to the ſaid Gregg, 1l. 10s. 2¼d. for the ſaid Cloth ſo loſt; and that they pay the ſame equally between them; viz. 10s. 1d. each.

SATURDAY, December 9th, 1732.

The Petition of Anne Craige, being read, complaining that Hugh Montgomery, a Factor in the Linen-Hall, had changed a piece of Linen-cloth which ſhe left in his care, and returned to her a worſe piece in lieu thereof, and they being both called in and examined,

Resolved, That Hugh Montgomery do pay to the ſaid Anne Craige, the ſum of 18s. 6d. for the difference of the Cloth ſo changed.

John Erwin, Lapper in the County of Down, not having attended purſuant to the ſeveral orders of this Board, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him by Faghny Farrell, and a Letter from Thomas Waring, Eſq; of the 1ſt inſtant, being read, informing the Board, that the ſaid Erwin does not deſerve to be employed as a Lapper,

Resolved, That the ſaid Erwin be diſcharged from his employment of Lapper; and that his Bonds be delivered to Faghny Farrell, to be put into the hands of Mr. Mathews, the Attorney, with directions to proſecute the ſame at the expence of this Board.

SATURDAY, January 20th, 1732—33.

Resolved, That this Board will henceforward meet on Fridays inſtead of Saturdays; and that the Committees do ſit on Mondays inſtead of Thurſdays.

FRIDAY, February 2d, 1732—33.

Resolved, That this Board do not proceed to take in conſideration any buſineſs, till all who are not Members of this Board are withdrawn.

The Petition of George Lawe, Chamberlain at the Linen-Hall, being read, praying that this Board would be pleaſed to grant him leave to go into the country for three weeks,

Resolved, That Mr. Lawe have leave for three weeks to go into the country, he leaving Jeremiah Lawe, his brother, to officiate in his room, and being anſwerable for his behaviour in his abſence.

FRIDAY, April 6th, 1733.

Whereas this Board came to a reſolution the 13th day of May laſt, to have the Board ſummoned to meet at the Linen-Hall, the firſt Saturday in every month, which has ſince been found inconvenient,

Resolved, That the ſaid Order be diſcharged.

FRIDAY, April 27th, 1733.

Advertisement.

Whereas Samuel Harper, of Drumvilly, in the County of Donegal, who was appointed by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture of Ireland, a Lapper in the ſaid County, did, contrary to the Inſtructions given to him by the ſaid Truſtees, ſtamp four pieces of Linen-cloth, which, on meaſuring, proved ſhort of meaſure, as alſo ten packs of Linen-cloth, which were found in the hands of Galbraith Hamilton, and Mr. John Sinclair; and whereas ſeveral pieces in the ſaid packs, were ſtamped by him at one end only, which practices tend to the deſtruction of the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom,

This is to give notice to all dealers and others concerned in the Linen Trade, that the ſaid Truſtees have diſcharged the ſaid Samuel Harper from his employment of Lapper, for the ſaid offences; and have taken the Seals from him; and do give this public notice of his miſbehaviour, that no dealer or other perſon may employ him for the future.

FRIDAY, May 11th, 1733.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of proper meaſures for preventing any frauds or abuſes that may be committed by ſuch perſons as are under contract to ſupply this Board with Flax-ſeed, and for having the terms of the reſpective contracts ſtrictly complied with, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion, that a proper perſon be appointed in each County, to make enquiry, how the perſons with whom the Board contracted for raiſing Flax-ſeed, have fulfilled their agreements; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid perſon, that he carefully view and report where each perſon had ſowed the quantity of Flax-ſeed he by agreement was to ſow; whether it be all ſown in one or ſeveral parcels; where each parcel lies, and in what condition he finds the Flax is: Your Committee are farther of opinion, that a Letter be wrote to each Contractor, to return an Affidavit of the Flax-ſeed delivered to him, being ſown before the 10th of June next.

Resolved, That all Advertiſements againſt Lappers, for the future, be poſted up in the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY, September 21ſt, 1733.

Resolved, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet on Monday next, at one o'clock, to conſider of ſome proper methods for regulating the buying and ſelling of Linen Yarn

Yarn and Flax; and that His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Caſhel, Sir Thomas Taylor, Dr. Coghill, Sir William Fownes, the Attorney General, Mr. Prime Serjeant Singleton, Mr. Solicitor General Bowes, and Mr. Gardiner, or any three of them be that Committee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1733.

The Petition of Garret Fagan, late Porter in the Linen Hall, being read, praying to be reſtored to his former employment, and ſeveral Certificates in his favour, with a Letter from the Reverend Dean Percival, being alſo read, informing the Board that he is become a Proteſtant, and therefore deſires that he may be reſtored to his former employment,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Garret Fagan be reſtored to his former employment of Porter at the Linen Hall, on his giving ſecurity for the faithful diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1733.

Whereas an extraordinary fine piece of Linen Cloth was laid before a Committee of this Board, which it was then thought proper ſhould be purchaſed, in order to make a preſent thereof to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Royal:

And whereas before the meeting of a Board for that purpoſe, the owner of the ſaid Cloth ſold the ſame to James Lenox Napper, of Laghcrew, in the County of Meath, Eſq; and the ſaid Mr. Napper, having ſince offered to let the Board have the ſaid Cloth at the price he gave for it,

RESOLVED, That a Meſſenger be diſpatched to Mr. Napper, at Laghcrew, with a Letter from the Secretary, returning him thanks for his offer of letting the Board have the Cloth, and deſiring he may ſend the ſame by the Meſſenger, and inform the Board what he paid for it.

RESOLVED, That when the Cloth ſhall arrive in Dublin, a Board be ſummoned to view the ſame, and to come to farther reſolutions thereupon.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1733.

The Piece of fine Linen Cloth which was ſent for by the laſt orders, being laid before the Board,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid piece of Linen Cloth be purchaſed, and that it be delivered to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, deſiring his Grace will be pleaſed to tranſmit it to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Royal, hoping ſhe will accept of the ſame, as a preſent from the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2d, 1733.

A Letter from John Engliſh, being read, praying this Board would order him the payment for the fine piece of Linen Cloth, preſented by this Board to the Princeſs Royal,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 42l. to be paid to John Engliſh, for the ſaid Cloth.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1733.

Whereas there was a piece of Linen Cloth laid before this Board, by Thomas Jolly, ſtamped by James Armſtrong, Lapper, in the County of Fermanagh, which was better in the lap-yard than in the inſide; and whereas it appears that the Stamps were ſtolen from the ſaid Armſtrong, when the ſaid Cloth was ſo ſtamped, and that the ſaid Armſtrong had made reparation for the damage ſuſtained in the ſaid Cloth,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid piece of Linen Cloth be delivered to the ſaid James Armſtrong.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1733.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do give the ſum of five guineas to the Counſel appointed by the Committee of the Houſe of Commons, to draw up Heads of a Bill, to be laid before the Houſe this Seſſions, for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1733.

The Petition of James Quin, of Carlow, Linen-damaſk-weaver, being read, ſetting forth that he has invented a Loom for weaving Diapers, with five Threadles, which will be of great ſervice to the Linen Trade of this Kingdom, and propoſing to teach all perſons the ſaid Art, if encouraged by this Board, and a Certificate in his favour being alſo read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition, Propoſal and Certificate be referred to the next Committee.

Daniel Chappell, having laid before this Board, a ſcheme to prevent the running of Callicoes into this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do wait on the Commiſſioners of the Revenue, and inform them, that one Daniel Chappell has laid before this Board a Scheme to prevent the running of Callicoes into this Kingdom; and as the additional Duties on thoſe goods, are appropriated to the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture, this Board is deſirous to have a conference with them on that ſubject, and would know whether they ſhall wait on them at the Cuſtom-houſe, or they will let the Board have the pleaſure of ſeeing them at their Office in the Caſtle, on Tueſday next, at twelve o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1733—34.

The Memorial of Robert Colvill, Eſq; being read, propoſing to make one hundred Spinning-wheels, at 2l. 15s. per ſcore, being half the price paid by this Board, and the Right Honourable Thomas Carter, Eſq; having propoſed to make one hundred Spinning-wheels on the ſame terms,

RESOLVED, That on Mr. Colvill and Mr. Carter's making it appear to the ſatisfaction of the Board, that each of them have made and delivered to ſuch poor people who are not able to buy Wheels, but are able and willing to ſpin Linen-yarn, one hundred Wheels, that they be paid the ſum of 13l. 15s. each, for the ſaid Wheels, which is but half the price paid by this Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1733—34.

An Affidavit ſworn by Nicholas Connor, before Thomas Pembroke, Mayor of Corke, ſetting forth that Andrew Arnold, uſed Lime in bleaching the Yarn uſed in making the Sail-cloth, at the Manufacture at Rathkeal, in the County of Limerick,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Andrew Arnold, acquainting him with the ſaid Complaint, and directing him to return an Anſwer thereto.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1733—34.

RESOLVED, That no Petitions for any encouragements be received or conſidered until the expence of the Flax-ſeed now contracted for be paid; and that the expence of

providing proper perſons and tools to dreſs the Flax thence ariſing, and proper places for ſelling the rough Flax, be alſo provided for.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1733—34.

RESOLVED, That the Seed for the enſuing year, be diſtributed to ſuch Perſons as ſhall contract to ſow, or cauſe to be ſown, any quantity of Seed not leſs than twenty buſhels, each perſon.

RESOLVED, That this Board will oblige themſelves to take from every ſuch Contractor, half the quantity of ſuch ſeed as ſhall be contracted for, at 5s. per buſhel, at ſuch time and place as ſhall be agreed on.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be prepared to inform the public on what terms they will diſtribute the Flax-ſeed, for the enſuing ſeaſon.

RESOLVED, That 2s. be allowed for each good new ſack, which ſhall contain four buſhels.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1733—34.

Whereas it appears to this Board, that there is a want of perſons ſkilled in the watering, breaking and ſcutching of Flax, in this Kingdom,

RESOLVED, That this Board will give encouragement for ſettling Flax-dreſſers, in ſuch parts of this Kingdom as have engaged to ſow large quantities of Flax-ſeed, to anſwer that end.

RESOLVED, That it be referred to a Committee of any three of the Truſtees, to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to ſuch Flax-dreſſers, where to be ſettled, and how to be employed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1733—34.

The Petition of James Nixon, being read, ſetting forth that he had, about Michaelmas laſt, delivered to William Stephenſon, Factor, at the Linen-Hall, thirty ſcore and eighteen yards of Linen Cloth, which he had directed him to ſell at 20s. per ſcore, and not under; notwithſtanding which, the ſaid Stephenſon had taken upon him to ſell the ſaid Cloths under the price fixed, and had never given the ſaid Nixon notice thereof, which obliged him to come to Town, and when the ſaid Nixon required payment, the ſaid Stephenſon would give him only 14l. in Caſh, and a Bill on another perſon payable a conſiderable time hence, and refuſed to pay him in Caſh, unleſs he would allow him Intereſt for the money, till it became due on the ſaid Note;

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Stephenſon do pay to the ſaid Nixon, the whole value of the Cloth at the price fixed, as alſo 18s. for his charges in coming to Town, and to enable him to return to the Country.

And the ſaid Stephenſon being called in, paid the ſaid charge to the ſaid Nixon.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Stephenſon, for the ſaid offence, be diſcharged from his office of Factor in the Linen-Hall.

RESOLVED, That directions be given to the Chamberlain, to lock up all the rooms wherein Stephenſon had any goods belonging to any dealers; and that his books be alſo ſecured, to make it appear to whom the reſpective goods belong.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1733—34.

The Board having proceeded to take into conſideration, Mr. William Stephenſon's Petition, purſuant to the Reſolution of the laſt Board, and he being called in, and having propoſed James Stephenſon, Eſq; James Uſher, of Ann-ſtreet, Linen-Draper, and Silveſter Carlow, as a farther ſecurity for the diſpoſal of the goods lying in his hands at the Linen Hall,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Stephenſon be permitted for two months to diſpoſe of the goods now in his rooms, on the above perſons entering into a Bond of 3000l. for the ſecurity of his employers.

RESOLVED, That this Board will give a premium of 3s. per hundred weight, for all merchantable Flax raiſed by the Contractors, and delivered in at the Linen Ware-houſe in the City of Dublin, for three years, of the growth of this Kingdom, and the produce of the Seed delivered to them, provided ſuch Flax be worth 1l. 10s. the hundred.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1733—34.

The Petition of William Verling, with Mr. Jolly's Report, being read, ſetting forth, that Mr. Verling bought in the Linen-Hall, one piece of fine Linen-cloth, ſtamped by Thomas M'Keige, Lapper in the County of Antrim, which has in it upwards of one hundred and twenty ſmall brown ſpots, many of them appear to be burned, one piece ſtamped by Hercules Wright, Lapper in the County of Armagh, which was turn-lapped, ill wove, and many frays in the inſide, and three pieces of Linen-cloth, ſtamped by James Pringle, Lapper in the County of Armagh, one piece with ſeveral breaks concealed in the inſide, one with ſeveral frays in the inſide, and the third rotten in one part;

RESOLVED, That Letters be wrote to Thomas M'Keige and Hercules Wright, directing them to attend on Tueſday the 19th of March next, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; and that they then bring to the Office their Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions; which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

RESOLVED, That Letters be wrote to James Pringle's Bail, directing them to make Mr. Verling ſatisfaction for the damage by him ſuſtained in the Cloths ſtamped by the ſaid Pringle; which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

James Jebb, Lapper in the County of Armagh, not having obeyed the orders of the Board, in delivering up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, to John Richardſon, Eſq; and not having attended purſuant to the ſaid Order,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Jebb, directing him to attend on Tueſday, the 19th of March next, to anſwer the ſeveral Complaints againſt him; and that he then bring to the Office his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2d, 1733—34.

Whereas the Board have ſome reaſon to ſuſpect, that a great deal of the Flax-ſeed delivered in for ſurplus Flax-ſeed, is the produce of poor Iriſh Seed,

RESOLVED, That Letters be wrote to the ſeveral merchants who are appointed by this Board to receive the ſurplus Flax-ſeed, to take a particular account when they deliver out the Seed, to whom they give the Seed ſo received, with

with the names and marks on the ſacks of the Seed ſo delivered, and whoſe Seed it was; and that they be alſo deſired to make the beſt enquiry they can, whether the Seed now received be the produce of the Seed delivered out by the Board; or whether it be mixed with Seed produced from ſhort Iriſh Flax.

An Advertiſement being prepared, purſuant to the Reſolution of the 19th of February laſt, to inform the Public of the intention of the Board, to give a premium for all merchantable Flax that ſhall be lodged in the Linen Ware-houſe by the Contractors, and being read and amended, was agreed to, and is as follows:

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Truſtees of the Linen-Manufacture, for the encouragement of ſuch perſons as have contracted with them for the ſowing large quantities of Flax-ſeed, in order to procure a certain market for the Flax thence ariſing, do hereby give notice, that they will give to every ſuch perſon with whom they have contracted, or ſhall contract, a premium of 3s. for every hundred weight of good, merchantable Flax, raiſed by them purſuant to their contracts, when broke and ſcutched, and brought to their Ware-houſe in Poolbeg-ſtreet, Dublin, provided that ſuch Flax be certified by the Store-keeper of the ſaid Ware-houſe, to be good, ſound, and merchantable Flax, where the perſon to whom the Flax ſhall belong, or ſuch perſon as he ſhall appoint, may ſell the ſame in ſuch manner, and on ſuch terms, as the owner ſhall think fit; or if he ſhall think it more for his advantage, that the Store-keeper appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, (who is to keep a Regiſter of all Flax brought to the ſaid Ware-houſe) ſhould diſpoſe of the ſame, the ſaid Store-keeper ſhall ſell the ſaid Flax at ſuch prices, and according to ſuch directions as he ſhall receive from the perſons lodging the Flax there, without any deduction for Warehouſe room or factorage to the ſaid Store-keeper.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of proper methods to be taken for encreaſing the number of perſons ſkilled in the art of ſwingling and breaking Flax in this Kingdom, being read, the ſame was agreed to, with this amendment; viz. that the perſons to be inſtructed, do not exceed the age of twenty-five years old, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of the moſt proper methods to be taken for encreaſing the number of perſons ſkilled in the art of ſwingling Flax in this Kingdom, and alſo to conſider what encouragement may be proper to be given to ſuch Flax-dreſſers, where they ſhould be ſettled, and how employed, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that the beſt method that can be taken to encreaſe the number of perſons ſkilled in watering, breaking, and ſcutching of Flax, will be to make agreements with ſuch perſons as this Board can confide in, and who have raiſed large quantities of Flax on contract with this Board, to procure a ſkilful Flax-dreſſer, who ſhall inſtruct the common labourers in the due time of watering, and beſt methods of breaking and ſcutching of Flax; for each of which labourers, when ſo inſtructed, and on due proof thereof, we are of opinion, ſuch Maſter-Flax-dreſſer ſhall be paid a premium of forty ſhillings, provided that ſuch premium do not exceed 20l. to any one Maſter-Flax-dreſſer.

And whereas there are ſeveral Itinerant Hemp and Flax-men now employed by this Board, who, when called upon by the people in the country to dreſs their Flax, do demand a greater rate for dreſſing the ſame, than is reaſonable, we are therefore of opinion, that they have notice that this Board will not allow them to take or demand a greater rate for breaking and ſcutching of Flax, than 1s. 2d. per ſtone.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 1733—34.

Mr. John Phepoe, Clerk-Aſſiſtant to this Board, having behaved himſelf in ſuch manner to ſome Members of this Board, as to incur their diſpleaſure,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Mr. John Phepoe be, and the ſaid Mr. Phepoe is, hereby diſcharged from the ſervice of this Board.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1733—34.

RESOLVED, That if any perſon who ſhall receive Flax-ſeed this ſeaſon from the Board, do not make affidavit before the 24th of June next, that the Seed ſo given by this Board is ſown, ſuch perſon who ſhall neglect to make ſuch return, ſhall never hereafter be allowed any Flax-ſeed, or receive any other encouragement from this Board.

MONDAY, MARCH 18th, 1733—34.

John Potter having attended purſuant to order, to anſwer the Complaint againſt him, and it appearing to the Board, that the perſon attending was not the perſon complained of, but another of the ſame name,

RESOLVED, That he be diſcharged from the ſaid complaint; that his Seals have ſome alteration made in them, to diſtinguiſh the two perſons; and that a Letter be wrote to John Potter, of Aghnamore, directing him to attend this Board on Friday the 29th inſtant, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

Thomas Couſens having attended purſuant to order, to anſwer the ſeveral Complaints made againſt him, and being called in and examined, and it appearing that he had made the lap-yard of the fineſt part of the Cloth, which was made finer for that end, and that in order to avoid being detected, he had ſo blotted his Seals, that it was difficult to know who ſtamped it,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Couſens be diſcharged from his office of Lapper; that he give up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, into the Office; and that an Advertiſement be printed, ſetting forth his offence, and that he is diſcharged from the ſervice of this Board.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1733—34.

ORDERED, That for the future, when Thomas Jolly ſhall meet with many mildewed Cloths, ſtamped by one and the ſame Lapper, and belonging to one perſon, that he keep only one piece of the ſaid Cloth as an evidence againſt the Lapper.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 1734.

John Scott, of Armagh, by Letter, having informed the Board, that the greateſt part of the Seed delivered by the Contractors to Mr. Burcheſs, is of the ſmall Iriſh kind that had been bought up at 2s. per buſhel, and ſold to the Board at 7s. and the Board looking on it as a great injury to the Public, as well as an impoſition upon them, that ſuch vile proceedings ſhould be ſuffered,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That Dr. Jenny, Dr. Walmſley, and Mr. Whaley, be deſired to make what enquiry they can into the ſaid Complaint, and return their ſpeedy Anſwer thereto; and that a Copy of Scott's Letter be ſent to them for that purpoſe.

RESOLVED, That a Board be ſummoned on Tueſday next, to conſider of the beſt method of laying out the money granted by Parliament for the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in the particular Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught.

Mr. Uſher having laid before the Board, an Advertiſement againſt Andrew Graham,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Advertiſement be printed in the ſeveral News-papers; and the ſame is as follows:

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas Andrew Graham, who was appointed by the Linen-Board a Lapper in the County of Armagh, was diſcharged the ſervice of the ſaid Truſtees, for ſeveral miſdemeanours in his office of Lapper, and was then ordered to deliver up his Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, which order he has not complied with; and whereas the Linen Board apprehends, as he is removed from his late place of reſidence, he may ſtill continue to ſtamp Linen-cloths with the ſaid Seals, to the prejudice of the Manufacture of this Kingdom:

This is to give notice to all perſons concerned in the Linen Trade, that if they ſhall make uſe of the ſaid Graham to ſtamp their Cloths, all Cloths, which ſhall be found ſealed with the ſaid Graham's Seals, will be ſeized as ſtamped with counterfeit Stamps.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2d, 1734.

The Board proceeded according to the laſt orders, to take into conſideration the diſtribution of the 2000l. granted by Parliament for the encouragement of the Linen Manufactures in the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught, and came to the following reſolution:

RESOLVED, That the ſaid ſum of 2000l. be divided into three equal parts; and that one-third part, amounting to 666l. 13s. 4d. be laid out for the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in each Province.

RESOLVED, That this Board will meet on Tueſday the 9th of this inſtant, to conſider in what manner the ſame ſhall be laid out for the ſervice of the reſpective Provinces.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be printed, deſiring the Truſtees of each Province, and ſuch gentlemen as have any intereſt in thoſe Provinces, to attend at the Linen-Board on that day, to propoſe any reaſonable ſcheme for the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in any County, as the exigencies thereof may require, for the public ſervice thereof in particular.

ORDERED, That the ſaid Advertiſement be diſtributed at the Parliament-Houſe, and other places of reſort, as ſoon as may be; and alſo on the Monday before the ſaid day of meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th, 1734.

A Letter from Mr. Francis Simcock, of Galway, being read, praying the Board would return him the piece of Cloth he had laid before them, ſtamped by James Maghee, Lapper in the County of Donegal, as being ſhort of meaſure; on which complaint, the ſaid Maghee was directed to attend the Linen-Board, which he having failed to do,

ORDERED, That Mr. Jolly be directed to cut off the Seals of the ſaid Cloth, and keep them as evidence againſt the ſaid Maghee; that the Cloth be returned to Mr. Simcock's Order; and that he be informed, that the Lapper ſhall be proſecuted, and reparation made for the damage.

The Petition of Jervis Kerron, being read, praying, in regard to his long ſervice, that the place of Clerk-Aſſiſtant, now vacant, may be conferred on him,

As alſo the Petition of John Phepoe, being read, praying to be reſtored to the ſaid place,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petitions be conſidered on Tueſday next.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th, 1734.

The Board, according to order, took into conſideration the Petitions of Mr. Jervis Kerron, and Mr. John Phepoe.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jervis Kerron be appointed Clerk-Aſſiſtant to this Board, in the room of Mr. John Phepoe.

Then the Board took into conſideration the diſtribution of ſo much of the 2000l. granted by Parliament to the Provinces of Connaught, Munſter and Leinſter, as came to the ſhare of the Province of Connaught, and the proportionable ſhare of each County in the Province, amounting to 133l.

RESOLVED, At the requeſt of the gentlemen of the County of Sligo, the ſum of 133l. being the proportion for that County, be laid out in encouraging the Manufacture at Sligo, in Looms and other Utenſils.

RESOLVED, That for the encouragement of the Manufacture in the County of Galway, the like Sum be laid out in Wheels and Reels, ſome Looms, and other Utenſils.

RESOLVED, That for the encouragement of the Manufacture in the County of Roſcommon, the like ſum be laid out in Wheels and Reels, and ſome Looms and other Utenſils.

RESOLVED, That for the encouragement of the Manufacture in the County of Mayo, the like ſum be laid out in Wheels and Reels, ſome Looms, and other Utenſils.

RESOLVED, That for the encouragement of the Manufacture in the County of Leitrim, the like ſum be laid out in Wheels and Reels, ſome Looms, and other Utenſils.

Then the Board adjourned the farther conſideration of the diſpoſal of the remaining parts of the ſaid 2000l. for the Provinces of Leinſter and Munſter, till to-morrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th, 1734.

The Board, according to the Order of the 9th inſtant, proceeded to take into conſideration the diſpoſal of the remainder of the 2000l. granted by Parliament for the encouragement of the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught, and the proportionable ſhare of the Province of Leinſter, amounting to 666l. 13s. 4d.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid ſum of 666l. 13s. 4d. be equally divided between the ſeveral Counties in the ſaid Province of Leinſter; and that the ſaid dividend for each County, be laid out in Wheels, Reels, and Scutching-Tools.

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That for the encouragement of the Province of Munſter, that the ſaid ſum of 666l. 13s. 4d. be equally divided between the ſeveral Counties in the ſaid Province; and that the ſaid dividend for each County be laid out in Wheels, Reels, and Scutching-Tools.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th, 1734.

The Petition of John Phepoe, being read, ſetting forth, that he uſually received 20l. at Chriſtmas, as a gratuity for his extraordinary trouble and attendance on the Board, and praying the like ſum for the laſt year's ſervice,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for the ſum of 20l. to be paid to the ſaid John Phepoe, for his ſaid trouble and attendance.

The Petition of William Stephenſon, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall, being read, ſetting forth his great concern for incurring the diſpleaſure of the Board, and in the humbleſt manner begging pardon, and praying to be reſtored to his ſaid employment; and whereas the ſeveral Members who were preſent at the Board when he was ſo diſcharged, have ſigned his ſaid Petition, ſignifying thereby their conſent thereto,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid William Stephenſon be reſtored to his ſaid office of Factor in the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 1734.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Francis Corkran, propoſing to ſet up a Linen-Manufacture at Sligo, was read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Report be re-committed; and that they be directed to report their opinion, eſpecially in what particular manner the Manufacture propoſed to be ſet up at Sligo, ſhould be encouraged, when the fund of this Board will be able to bear the expence.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30th, 1734.

Whereas the Board did on the 2d of March laſt, come to a reſolution, to give a premium for all merchantable Flax that ſhall be lodged in the Linen Ware-houſe by the Contractors, and did alſo publiſh an Advertiſement to that purpoſe,

ORDERED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet on Thurſday next, to conſider of proper regulations for the receiving and ſelling all Flax brought by the Contractors to the ſaid Ware-houſe, and for fixing the manner of demanding the ſaid premium, ſo as to prevent any impoſition on the Board.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th, 1734.

The Report of the Committee appointed by an Order of the 30th of laſt month, to meet on the Thurſday following, to conſider of proper regulations for receiving and ſelling the Flax brought by the Contractors to the Linen Ware-houſe, and for fixing the manner of demanding the premium, ſo as to prevent any impoſition on the Board, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by an Order of the 30th of laſt month, to conſider of proper regulations for the receiving and ſelling all Flax brought by the Contractors to the Linen Ware-houſe, and for fixing the manner of demanding the premium, ſo as to prevent any impoſition on the Board, have met and conſidered the ſame, and although there are many things which require the conſideration of your Committee before the regulating of the ſelling of Flax at the ſaid Ware-houſe can be put on a proper foot, yet we are of opinion, that affidavits ſhould be ſworn by every Contractor ſending Flax to the Ware-houſe, as alſo by the carmen delivering the Flax there; and that on the delivery of the Flax ſo as aforeſaid, the perſon appointed to receive the ſame, ſhall deliver a Receipt to the owner, which Receipt and Affidavits, when delivered in to the Clerk, and laid before the Linen-Board, ſhall entitle the Contractor to the premium of 3s. per hundred, promiſed by the Advertiſement: We are alſo of opinion, that the perſon employed to take care of the Linen Ware-houſe, do keep his Accounts and Books in proper form; and whereas it will be neceſſary that the Contractors ſhould be appriſed of the form of the Affidavits which are required to be made, we are of opinion, that they be printed; but as there are many other reſolutions to be entered into for the due regulation of the ſaid Ware-houſe, your Committee is of opinion, that it will require farther conſideration.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be ſummoned to conſider what farther regulations may be proper to be made, for promoting the ſale of the Flax at the Linen Ware-houſe.

FRIDAY, MAY 31ſt, 1734.

RESOLVED, That for the future, upon any application for the continuance of a Spinning-ſchool for another year, in any County of this Kingdom, that a proper Affidavit be firſt made, that none but new Scholars ſhall be employed therein.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28th, 1734.

Complaint being made to the Board, that Hugh Holmes had lodged twenty-one pieces of Linen-cloth with Hugh Montgomery, Factor of the Linen-Hall, with directions to ſell the ſame at a certain price, and that the ſaid Montgomery had taken upon him to ſell the ſaid Linens on truſt, to one Alexander Logan, who is ſince broke, without any directions from the ſaid Holmes, and the ſaid Montgomery being called in and examined,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Montgomery do pay the ſaid Hugh Holmes the value of the Linens ſo ſold, at the value they were ſold, without any allowance for the truſt; and that he do ſtand the riſque of the notes he accepted for the ſame.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet on Monday next, to draw up rules to be obſerved by the Factors appointed to reſide in the Linen-Hall, and ſuch other Factors as ſhall be employed there.

Mr. Jolly's Report of his inſpection into the behaviour of the Lappers of Cloth, being read, ſetting forth, that he found in the Linen-Hall, Cloth ſtamped with the Seals of Solomon Cunningham, of the County of Tyrone, and John Harvey, of the County of Derry, Lappers, both of whom he is credibly informed are dead,

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to the Bail of the ſaid Cunningham and Harvey, directing them to return the Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, of the ſaid Cunningham and Harvey, to the Linen-Office in the Caſtle of Dublin, immediately, otherwiſe their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

FRIDAY, JULY 19th, 1734.

Whereas Hugh Montgomery, Factor, was by an Order of the 28th day of June laſt, directed to pay to Hugh Holmes, the value of the Linens he ſold for the ſaid Hugh

Hugh Holmes, which Order he has not hitherto complied with,

ORDERED, That he be directed to pay the ſame by this day ſe'nnight, otherwiſe he ſhall be diſcharged from his office of Factor, and have his Bonds put in ſuit.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2d, 1734.

The Report of the Committee appointed by an Order of the ſame date, to draw up new rules to be obſerved by the Factors of the Linen-Hall, being read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Report be re-committed to the conſideration of the next Committee.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1734.

The ſeveral Petitions of Fergus Clements, Francis M'Kittrick, James Johnſton, John Mitchell, James Thompſon, Rob. Martin, Wm. Parr, Thomas Atkinſon, and William Coward, being read, ſetting forth, that Hugh Montgomery, appointed a Factor at the Linen-Hall, contrary to the rules ſettled by this Board for the regulating of the Linen-Hall, and the conduct of the Factors there employed, had refuſed to account with them the ſaid Petitioners, and to pay them their reſpective balances, and to deliver back to them the ſeveral parcels of Cloth belonging to them reſpectively, which remain unſold in his Cuſtody, in the Linen-Hall,

RESOLVED, That this Board will meet at the Linen-Hall, on Friday the 1ſt of November next, to enquire into the ſtate of the ſaid Montgomery's affairs, in order to redreſs the ſeveral grievances complained of, to take an account what goods remain in his cuſtody, as Factor, undiſpoſed of, and to whom they reſpectively belong; and to ſettle the Accounts between the Petitioners, the ſaid Montgomery and his Bail, and to give orders for ſuing his Bail, if it ſhall be found neceſſary.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do write to Montgomery and his Bail, to inform them of the intention of this Board; and deſiring them to attend at the Linen-Hall at the time aforeſaid, or to authoriſe ſome perſons to appear for them, to take an account of the goods in the poſſeſſion of the ſaid Montgomery, as Factor; and to ſhew cauſe why their Bonds ſhould not be put in ſuit.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1734.

Mr. Verling having applied to this Board, to have ſeven pieces of Linen reſtored to him, which have lain before the Board for ſome time paſt, to prove ſeveral Complaints againſt Thomas M'Keige, of Antrim, David M'Creagh, of Derry, Hercules Wright, and James Pringle, both of Armagh, Lappers, for unfairly ſtamping the ſame,

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to ſaid Lappers, directing them to attend at the Linen-Board, on this day fortnight, and bring their Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, with them, to anſwer the ſaid Complaints; which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit; and that their Bail be acquainted therewith; but in regard James Pringle has been diſcharged and advertiſed by the Board, that his Bail be then directed to attend for him.

RESOLVED, That Letters be wrote to all other Lappers againſt whom there are any Complaints now lying before the Board, directing them and their Bail to attend with their Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, on the ſame day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22d, 1734.

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Uſher's Accounts, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Board allows of the ſeveral particulars charged in Mr. Uſher's Account.

RESOLVED, That for the future, where the neceſſity of the ſervice of this Board requires any payments of money to be made without Warrants, application be made to the Board, for the allowance of ſuch payments, and a Warrant be had thereon, on a ſchedule of the particulars to be offered to the Board for that purpoſe.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of any three of this Board, do meet on Monday the 2d of December next, to conſider the ſtate of Hugh Montgomery's affairs, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall; as alſo to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſeveral ſecurities given by the other Factors employed in the Linen-Hall; and that the ſaid Factors have notice to attend the ſaid Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1734.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a ſtate of the fund to Lady-day laſt, was read and agreed to.

Your Committee think proper to obſerve, and offer it as their opinion, that the accounts of your funds and expence ſhould be annually ſtated to Lady-day, as ſoon after in each year as conveniently may be, and at fartheſt by the Midſummer next following ſuch quarter-day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1734.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the ſtate of the affairs of Hugh Montgomery, late Factor in the Linen-Hall, as alſo to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſecurities given by the other Factors employed in the ſaid Hall, being read, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the ſtate of the affairs of Hugh Montgomery, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall, as alſo to enquire into the ſufficiency of the ſeveral ſecurities given by the other Factors employed in the ſaid Hall, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that Writs have been iſſued to the Sheriff of the County of Down, againſt Samuel Kerr, of Ballydogan, in the County of Down, Linen-Draper, and Robert Hunter, of Gilford, in the ſaid County, (they being the Securities given by the ſaid Hugh Montgomery, for the due execution of his office of Factor in the Linen-Hall) which Writs were marked for 1000l. each, but we find they have been returned by the ſaid Sheriffs, with *non ſunt inventi*, ſo that your Committee are of opinion, that Letters ſhould be wrote to the ſaid Kerr and Hunter, deſiring them to come up to town, and attend on the Board on Saturday the 21ſt of this inſtant, in order to adjuſt and ſettle the affairs of the ſaid Montgomery, touching the effects and accounts between him and thoſe perſons who employed him as a Factor for them in the ſaid Hall; and that the ſaid Letters ſhould aſſure them, that the Board will take no advantage of the Bond they have entered into, in behalf of the ſaid Montgomery, to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; their Clerk, during ſuch time as the Board ſhall deſire their attendance on that occaſion.

Your Committee have alſo enquired into the ſecurities which have been given by the other Factors employed in the ſaid Linen-Hall, and as we find moſt of them to be perſons

perſons who live in the country, and remote, and that in caſe any of the ſaid Factors ſhould fail, the Board would lie under the ſame difficulties of ſuing them, as they now are with reſpect to the ſecurities given by Hugh Montgomery.

We are therefore of opinion, that all the Factors now employed, or ſhall hereafter be employed in the Linen-Hall, do give City ſecurity; and that a Bond be prepared by Counſel, to be approved of by this Board, for the due and faithful diſcharge of the truſt repoſed in them by their employers reſpectively.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1734.

RESOLVED, That no Member of the Hon. Houſe of Commons, or of this Board, be accepted or allowed of as Bail or Security for any perſon appointed, or to be appointed as Factor of the Linen-Hall.

James King, in the County of Armagh, Lapper, not having attended this Board on the 19th of March laſt, purſuant to Orders,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do write to his Bail, to let them know, that if the ſaid James King do not attend at the Linen-Board, in the Caſtle of Dublin, this day fortnight, to anſwer the Complaint made againſt him, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

The ſeveral Factors employed in the Linen Hall, having attended the Board this day, purſuant to orders of the 22d of November laſt, and propoſed new ſecurities for the faithful diſcharge of their offices,

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to make a ſtrict enquiry into their ſufficiency.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1734.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not receive any new applications from any perſons whatſoever, which may engage the Board in any farther expence, till ſuch time as the charge of procuring Flax-ſeed for the enſuing ſeaſon, be provided for, and till the ſame is paid.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do put the Board in mind of the above Order, when any ſuch applications ſhall be made.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1734.

RESOLVED, That in the diſtribution of the Flax-ſeed for the enſuing ſeaſon, no leſs a quantity than four, nor more than twelve buſhels of Seed, be granted to any one perſon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1734.

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to the ſeveral Merchants who received the Seed laſt year, directing them to receive the Flax-ſeed this year from the ſeveral Contractors, as they did the laſt year; and at the ſame time directing them to receive no Seed that is foul, damaged, or that has any yellow Seeds in it; that they ſee that the ſacks be good, and marked with the name of the owner of the Seed; and return a weekly account of what they receive; and that they receive none after the 1ſt of February next.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1734—35.

The Petition of Thomas Kernon, being read, ſetting forth, that he has had very conſiderable dealings in the Linen Manufacture, with William Magee, Lapper in the County of Antrim, from whom he had at ſeveral times bought Linens, part of which he had ſent to London, which were mildewed, and the remainder not ſent over, were found in the ſame condition, and full of holes and rents in the inſide; that he had alſo purchaſed from the ſaid Magee, a parcel of Linens, ſealed by the ſaid Magee, Thomas M'Keig, and one William Forſyth, fifteen pieces whereof, ſealed by the ſaid Magee, were damaged, and one piece thereof wanted meaſure, that fifty-three pieces, ſtamped by M'Keig, were damaged and rotten, that he had been obliged to make ſatisfaction to his correſpondents in England for the damaged, that he had made application to the ſaid Magee and M'Keig, to make him ſatisfaction for the damages which he had ſuſtained, which the ſaid Magee abſolutely refuſed, and that M'Keig, as he had for other miſdemeanours been diſcharged from the ſervice of the Board, ſet him at defiance,

ORDERED, That a Letter be written to the ſaid Magee, directing him to attend this day fortnight, to anſwer the ſaid Complaint; which if he fail to do, his Bonds will be put in ſuit.

ORDERED, That Letters be written to the ſaid M'Keig and his Bail, directing them to appear on this day fortnight, to make ſatisfaction to the ſaid Kernon, otherwiſe their Bonds will be put in ſuit, the Bonds lying ſtill in the Office, to be ſued on account of any evil practices M'Keig may have been guilty of.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1734—35.

RESOLVED, That if the ſeveral Factors employed in the Linen-Hall, do not give in new ſecurity, ſuch as ſhall be approved of by the Board, by this day fortnight, they ſhall be diſcharged, and have their rooms taken from them.

A Letter from Mrs. Ellen Cullen, being read, ſetting forth, that one John Shee had diſtrained ſome of the Looms lent to her late huſband by the Board, and by her lent out to Weavers, for rent due by the ſaid Weavers,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to her, directing her to replevin the ſaid Looms, and to plead the Statute of the of whereby it is enacted, that all Looms lent by the Board, and ſealed with their Seals, ſhall not be liable to be diſtrained for rent.

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to Mr. John Shee, to the ſame effect.

Whereas ſeveral perſons who furniſhed the Board with Flax-ſeed laſt year, brought the ſame to the Ware-houſe ſo foul, as to require cleaning,

RESOLVED, That where any Seed ſhall be brought to the Ware-houſe ſo foul as to require cleaning, the perſons bringing the ſame there, ſhall be at the charge of cleaning the ſame, before it ſhall be received.

Whereas the Linen-office is incumbered with numbers of old uſeleſs papers, bonds for Flax-ſeed, and old letters,

RESOLVED, That all Flax-ſeed Bonds, dated before the year 1731, and other uſeleſs papers dated before that time, be burnt or otherwiſe deſtroyed, as Mr. Uſher ſhall direct.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1734—35.

Whereas a piece of Linen was lately ſtolen from Gabriel Clark, Factor at the Linen Hall, by ſome perſons, and the

ſame having been ſince ſeized in the hands of the ſaid perſons, who were carried before Alderman Burrowes, and by him committed to Newgate, where they are now in confinement,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Mark White, Attorney, be directed to proſecute the ſaid Offenders to effect.

RESOLVED, That it be a ſtanding Order for the future, that no Woman ſhall be permitted to go into, or out of the Linen Hall, wearing a Riding-hood, or Cap and Cloak, and that the Porter for the Gate, be ordered to take them off at their entrance, and give them back at their return.

Mr. Stevenſon, Factor in the Linen Hall, having propoſed Mr. John Baily, Brewer, in Ann-Street, as his Security, and Michael Reilly, Factor in the Linen-Hall, having propoſed Patrick Reilly, Brewer, and John M'Dermott, Glazier, as his Securities.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher make enquiry into the ſufficiency of the ſaid Securities, and give an account thereof to the next Board.

ORDERED, That Thomas Jolly do every Friday for the future, make a return to the Board of what Flax he received into, and likewiſe ſold out of the Flax Warehouſe that week, together with the prices the ſame was ſold at, and how much is then remaining in his hands.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1734—35.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do make enquiry where Hugh Montgomery, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall, now is; whether he be ſtill in the Kingdom, or if he have left it, to what place he has retired.

RESOLVED, That next Monday's Committee do take into their conderation, the ſtate of the ſaid Montgomery's affairs.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Committee do conſider and report their opinion, whether it will be proper for this Board to appoint Factors in the Linen-Hall; and if it be, under what regulations they ſhould be put.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1734—35.

As it is the ſettled opinion of the Truſtees of the Linen-Board, that the raiſing of Flax and Flax-ſeed in this Kingdom, is greatly for the advantage of the nation, and will tend to the increaſe and benefit of the Linen Manufacture,

RESOLVED, That they will give all proper encouragement to raiſe the ſame.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6th, 1734—35.

Whereas the Truſtees for the Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, have been informed, that ſeveral perſons who have received Flax-ſeed from them, have often diſpoſed thereof to the poor, in conſideration of ſo much money, yarn, days labour, or other duties to be paid, returned, or done by them, to the perſon giving them ſuch Seed, in lieu thereof,

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be publiſhed in the public News-papers, giving notice, that if any perſon or perſons whatſoever, who has or ſhall receive Flax-ſeed from the Linen-Board to ſow this ſeaſon, ſhall take from any perſon or perſons, to whom they ſhall diſtribute any quantity or proportion of ſuch Seed ſo received by them as aforeſaid, any fee or reward, of what nature or kind ſoever, in conſideration of any Seed that they ſhall diſtribute, ſave ſuch money as ſhall be laid out in the carriage thereof, ſuch perſon or perſons who ſhall be found capable of ſuch abuſe, ſhall not only have their ſcandalous practices publicly advertiſed, but are never after to expect any countenance or favour from the ſaid Truſtees.

John Spear, a ſoldier, to whom a Linen-Loom was lent ſome time ago by the Board, being commanded to Kilkenny, and applying to this Board for leave to carry the ſaid Loom with him, to employ him in his Quarters there,

ORDERED, That his ſaid requeſt be complied with.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 1734—35.

The Rev. Mr. Maſſey, having by Letter informed this Board, that he had collected among his Pariſhioners ſeveral parcels of good Flax-ſeed, but the ſame being brought in, in ſuch ſmall quantities, and mixed together, that it is impoſſible, upon the delivery thereof, to make the affidavit required by a late Advertiſement from this Board, and deſiring, that for the advantage and encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in that country, that the ſaid affidavit may be diſpenſed with, and that he have leave to diſpoſe thereof at his diſcretion among his Pariſhioners, and be paid for the ſame,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher be directed to write to Mr. Maſſey, deſiring him to ſend up an affidavit of the quantity of Seed he has collected, that the ſame is ſound and merchantable; together with a liſt of the perſons to whom he deſigns to deliver the ſame.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 1734—35.

ORDERED, That all the Factors at the Linen-Hall, be directed to attend this Board on Monday next, with their reſpective Bails.

ORDERED, That the form of a Bond to be entered into by the Factors, be laid before the Solicitor-General, together with the Rules and Regulations of the Linen-Hall, in order to have his opinion thereon.

MONDAY, MARCH 17th, 1734—35.

John Graham and Nicholas Noud, Meſſengers to the Board, being appointed Itinerant Men to inſpect the ſeveral Bleach-yards in and about the City of Dubliin, Commiſſions were ſigned for them accordingly.

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Whereas Hugh Montgomery, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall, hath withdrawn himſelf from his ſtation there, without accounting with his employers, who have applied to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, for a remedy againſt the ſaid Montgomery,

Notice is hereby given to the employers of the ſaid Montgomery, and to all other dealers in Linen, that as the Truſtees did, upon the firſt opening of the Linen-Hall, take the beſt ſecurity that could be had from the perſons recommended as fitteſt to be Factors, and have continued ſo to do, and did moreover put them under the ſtricteſt rules and orders, for the advantage of ſuch dealers, and have upon all juſt complaints, puniſhed the delinquencies of ſuch Factors, ſo they will upon all occaſions, be ready to redreſs, to the extent of their power, all grievances that ſhall be laid before them by the employers of the Hall Factors, and have already directed proſecutions to

to be carried on againſt the ſaid Montgomery and his Securities.

But as the ſaid Truſtee, did never by any Act or Declaration of their Board, make the public fund reſponſible for loſſes that might happen to incur by means of the ſaid Factors, and are veſted with no legal power ſo to do, and as the benefit and conveniency of the ſaid Hall, is freely allowed to every dealer in Linen, who may either ſell his own goods in perſon there, or may employ any perſon as Factor at his diſcretion, they give this public notice, to the intent, that all perſons concerned, may by due care and caution provide for their own ſafety, before they put their Linens into any one's care to ſell for them, and not rely on the Board for reparation of loſſes, that may happen through the negligence or fraud of the perſons ſo choſen, further than to have any Bond or Securities proſecuted, that have been or ſhall be taken by order of the ſaid Truſtees, for the good behaviour of ſuch Factors.

RESOLVED, That all Factors who now are, or ſhall hereafter be employed in the Linen-Hall, to ſell Cloths there for any perſon or perſons whatſoever, ſhall before their admiſſion into the ſaid Hall as Factors, give in ſecurity to the Clerk of this Board, for the due execution and faithful diſcharge of the truſt which ſhall be repoſed in them reſpectively, as Factors to be employed in the Linen-Hall; and that the perſon or perſons who ſhall offer themſelves as ſecurity for the good behaviour of any ſuch Factor or Factors, ſhall each and every of them, upon their offering themſelves as aforeſaid, produce to the ſaid Clerk, a voluntary affidavit, made before ſome one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, that he is worth at leaſt 500l. ſterling, over and above all debts, of what nature or kind ſoever, by him due at the time of his entering into ſuch ſecurity, otherwiſe his ſecurity not to be received.

George Mathew, Eſq; having returned to the Board an affidavit, of his having procured, purſuant to a Reſolution of the 25th of February, 1733, ten perſons to be inſtructed in the art of breaking, ſwingling, and watering of Flax, in the County of Tipperary, and deſiring the premium promiſed by the ſaid Reſolution,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 20l. to be paid to the ſaid George Mathew, Eſq; for the inſtruction of ſaid ten perſons, in the art of Flax-dreſſing, as aforeſaid.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th, 1735.

Mr. William Porter, who was ſecurity for George Law, Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall, being dead, and his Widow having applied to the Board, to be diſcharged from being ſecurity for the ſaid Law, as Executrix to her ſaid Huſband,

ORDERED, That the ſaid George Lawe do give in new ſecurity for the performance of the duty of his ſaid office of Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall.

RESOLVED, That the Advertiſement relating to the Factors of the Linen-Hall, dated the 17th of March laſt, be poſted up in the moſt public places of the ſeveral Northern Counties of this Kingdom, as alſo in the Linen Hall.

RESOLVED, That the ſeveral Factors of the Linen-Hall, be directed to lay before this Board, by this day fortnight, a fair account of all ſuch Linen-cloths as have been conſigned to them for ſale, from the time of their firſt being employed, now remaining in their keeping, and to whom they belong; and that they alſo give in new ſecurity for the due execution of their offices, by the ſaid time, otherwiſe they will be diſcharged from their employments.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to meet and conſider of a Form of a Commiſſion and Inſtructions proper to be given to the ſaid Factors.

Joſeph Carr, of the City of Dublin, Merchant, having applied to be appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall, and a Certificate in his favour, ſigned by ſeveral Merchants in this City, being read,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall, on his giving four good ſecurities, who ſhall each of them ſwear themſelves to be worth 250l. over and above all debts and demands on them.

MONDAY, APRIL 14th, 1735.

Thomas Watſon, of the City of Dublin, who is ſecurity for Moſes Kelly, one of the Factors of the Linen-Hall, having applied to the Board to be diſcharged from being ſecurity for the ſaid Kelly, as he is going to leave the City, and ſettle in the Country,

RESOLVED, That Moſes Kelly be directed to give in new ſecurity; and that he be not permitted to receive into his cuſtody any more goods, till he ſhall have given in ſuch ſecurity.

A Letter from Joſeph Beniſon, Agent to Robert Hunter, one of the Bail for Hugh Montgomery, late Factor in the Linen-Hall, being read, informing the Board, that Samuel Kerr, the other of Montgomery's Bail, was taken, and then in Downpatrick Gaol, and that if the Board would give Hunter leave to appear, they would make ſuch treaty with the ſaid Kerr and Montgomery, as would go a good way towards ſatisfying his creditors,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Beniſon, deſiring he may treat with Hunter, Kerr and Montgomery, and let the Board know, what terms they are willing to come into, for the diſcharging the debts of the ſaid Montgomery; and that in the mean time he aſſure Hunter, that provided he is active in the affair, he ſhall not be moleſted for ſome reaſonable time.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22d, 1735.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Burgh, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Roſs, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Cope, Henry Hamilton, Eſq; or any three of them, be a Committee to conſider of the propereſt methods for raiſing Flax and Flax-ſeed, Hemp and Hemp-ſeed in this Kingdom; and that all Members that come have voices.

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Committee be deſired to conſider of the appointment of Lappers of green cloth.

The Petition of William Stevenſon, Factor, being read, praying that the Commiſſion on Factorage may be enlarged to two per cent. and praying longer time than the 25th inſtant, to make up and return his accounts to the Board, and that the Board would accept of his former ſecurity, he not being able to procure city ſecurity,

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Committee appointed by an Order of the 11th inſtant, to conſider of a Form of a Commiſſion and Inſtructions to be given to the Factors of the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY, MAY 2d, 1735.

The Petition of Francis Taylor, who was lately convicted of bleaching with Lime, being read,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Petition be rejected; and that the Officers of this Board be directed to proceed according to Law.

FRIDAY, MAY 23d, 1735.

Mr. Hill having laid before the Board, an account of ſeveral diſcouragements attending the ſale of the Iriſh Linens in London, as repreſented to him when late in London, by ſeveral Merchants and Factors, Dealers in Iriſh Linens there, together with ſome thoughts for redreſſing the ſaid evils,

RESOLVED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Merchants and Dealers, directed to William Dover, informing them, that their Obſervations have been laid before the Board, and that they are reſolved to take the beſt meaſures to redreſs the evils complained of, as far as they lie within their power; and that ſuch particulars as do not, ſhall be laid before the next Parliament.

SATURDAY, MAY 24th, 1735.

A Letter from Loftus Trott, Stocking-Weaver, to Edward Loftus, Eſq; being read, ſetting forth, that he has been obliged to pay to Thomas Ogle, of Armagh, the ſum of 5l. per annum, for the uſe of the Stocking-frame lent by this Board to the ſaid Ogle,

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote to the ſaid Trott, directing him to make affidavit of the truth of what he ſets forth in his ſaid Letter, and that he return the ſame to the Board.

ORDERED, That Mr. Cope be deſired to enquire into the ſaid Complaint, when he goes to the County of Armagh.

MONDAY, JUNE 2d, 1735.

The Petition of the Printers and Drapers concerned in the Linen Manufacture of the City and County of Dublin, being read, repreſenting the inſolent and outrageous abuſes committed by the Mob, or Weavers of the Earl of Meath's Liberty, in cutting, tearing and abuſing, all printed Linens that they find worn by any perſons whatſoever, and praying the aſſiſtance and protection of this Board,

RESOLVED, That the following Advertiſement be printed and diſperſed about the ſaid City and County:

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Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, have received information, that ſeveral evil-minded perſons have frequently of late, in a riotous manner, aſſaulted many perſons wearing Iriſh printed Linens, by tearing, cutting, and otherwiſe damaging the ſame, to the great prejudice of the Linen Trade of this Kingdom,

We the ſaid Truſtees, for the advancement of the Linen Trade, and to prevent the like offences for the future, do hereby promiſe a reward of 10l. to any perſon who ſhall apprehend any perſon or perſons guilty of ſuch offence, provided he or they be convicted thereof; and to encourage ſuch diſcoveries, the Truſtees do hereby promiſe to carry on the ſaid proſecution at the expence of this Board.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th, 1735.

The Report of the Committee to conſider of the appointment of Lappers of green Cloths, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by Order, to conſider of the appointment of Lappers of green Cloths, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that all the Lappers already appointed for the lapping of white Linens, be farther directed and impowered to lap and ſtamp all green Linens, in the ſame manner as by the Statute they are directed; and for that purpoſe, we are of opinion, that the annexed additional Inſtructions be given to all the Lappers already appointed, directing them in what manner they ſhall ſtamp the ſaid green Cloths, and alſo ordering them, to ſtamp the breadths of Linens in inches, as is directed in the late Act of Parliament.

Whereas by the Statute made in the ſeventh year of the reign of his preſent Majeſty King George II. entitled, An Act for the further Regulation and Improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, It is among other things enacted, that from and after the 1ſt Day of November, 1734, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Truſtees appointed for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them, to licenſe and appoint ſuch fit and proper perſon or perſons, in ſuch places of this Kingdom, as they ſhall judge moſt convenient, to view, examine and meaſure, all green or unbleached Linen Cloths manufactured in this Kingdom.

Additional INSTRUCTIONS given by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture to Lapper in the County of

Whereas by the Statute made in the ſeventh year of the reign of his preſent Majeſty King George II. entitled, An Act for the further Regulation and Improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, it is among other things enacted, that from and after the 1ſt Day of November, 1734, every Lapper in making up any piece of Linen-cloth, made according to the Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture, whether the ſame be bleached or made of High White Yarn, ſhall, without any additional fee or reward, at each end of every ſuch piece of Cloth, mark or ſtamp the number of entire inches ſuch piece contains in breadth, without regard to the fractions of an inch; and ſhall not otherwiſe, or in any other manner, mark or ſtamp the breadth of the ſame, any Law to the contrary notwithſtanding; and if any Lapper ſhall mark any ſuch piece of Cloth, with a greater number of inches than ſuch piece contains in breadth, every ſuch offender ſhall forfeit the ſum of 1l. for every ſuch piece of Cloth ſo fraudulently marked.

And whereas it is by the ſaid Act further enacted, that from and after the ſaid 1ſt day of November, 1734, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Truſtees appointed for encouraging the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any five or more of them, to licenſe and appoint ſuch fit and proper perſon or perſons, in ſuch places of this Kingdom, as they ſhall judge moſt convenient, to view, examine and meaſure, all green or unbleached Linen-cloths, manufactured in this Kingdom, made according to the Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture; and to mark and ſtamp the ſame in like manner, and under the ſame penalties, as well in reſpect of the perſon or perſons who ſhall ſtamp any ſuch Cloths, as of the perſon who ſhall ſell, or expoſe the ſame to ſale; as in and by an Act made in the ſixth year of the reign of his late Majeſty King George I. entitled, An Act for the better regulating the buying and ſelling of Yarn and Cloth, and further improving

proving the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, are directed and appointed in relation to ſtamping and ſealing bleached Linen.

And whereas by your former Inſtructions, and by the Bonds by you given for the obſervance of them, you are likewiſe obliged to obſerve ſuch further Inſtructions as you ſhall from time to time in like manner receive from us, or the Truſtees of the ſaid Manufacture, for the time being, for the better execution of your office of Lapper.

And we being well aſſured and informed of the ſkill, cacity and integrity of you do hereby direct you in making up any piece of Cloth, made according to the Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture, whether the ſame be bleached or made of High White Yarn, without any additional fee or reward, at each end of every ſuch piece of Cloth, to mark or ſtamp the number of entire inches ſuch piece contains in breadth, without regard to the fractions of an inch; and that you do not otherwiſe, or in any other manner, mark or ſtamp the breadth of the ſame, any Law or former direction from us to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And we do alſo, purſuant to the ſaid Act, and under the penalty of your former Bonds, licenſe and appoint you to view, examine and meaſure, all green or unbleached Linen-cloths, manufactured in this Kingdom, and made according to the Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture, and to mark and ſtamp the ſame, in like manner as you are already directed with regard to the bleached Linens; and for every piece of green or unbleached Linen-cloth, containing twenty yards or under, and ſo in proportion, for a greater quantity, ſo by you marked, ſealed or ſtamped, you ſhall demand and take the ſum of 1d. and no more.

You are to obſerve, that the green Linens are not to be lapped up, though they are to be ſtamped, but are to be ſold in folds as uſual.

You are to mark the number of inches juſt under the number of yards with the ſame figures.

FRIDAY, June 20th, 1735.

The Board according to Order, proceeded to take into conſideration the diſtribution of the 2000l. granted by Parliament for this year, for the encouragement of the Linen Manufactures in the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught, and came to the following Reſolutions:

Resolved, That the ſaid ſum of 2000l. be divided into three equal parts, and that one third part, amounting to 666l. 13s. 4d. be laid out for the encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in each Province.

Resolved, That the ſaid ſum of 666l. 13s. 4d. be equally divided between the ſeveral Counties in each Province.

Resolved, That the ſum of 55l. 11s. 1d. be laid out in each of the Counties in the Province of Leinſter, in the purchaſe of Wheels, Reels, and other Utenſils for dreſſing of Flax.

Resolved, That the ſum of 133l. 6s. 8d. be laid out in each of the Counties in the Province of Munſter, in the purchaſe of Wheels, Reels, and other Utenſils.

Resolved, That the ſum of 111l. 2s. 8d. be laid out in each County in the Province of Connaught.

Resolved, That no perſon or perſons who ſhall have an Order or Orders conceived in their favour, for the providing any number of Wheels or Reels out of the ſaid ſum of 2000l. ſhall be intitled to receive the ſame, till he or they ſhall produce to this Board, an affidavit of the Wheelwright who makes the ſame, that he has made for the uſe, and by the order of the perſon claiming payment for ſuch Wheels and Reels, twice as many Wheels and Reels as he claims payment for, and that the ſame have been viewed and ſtamped, and that he is paid for the ſame.

Resolved, That one Reel be provided for every ten Wheels that ſhall be allowed.

Resolved, That all the Wheels be buſhed with Braſs; and that 5s. 6d. be allowed for each Wheel, and 2s. 6d. for each Reel.

Resolved, That the perſons providing the ſaid Wheels and Reels, be at liberty to employ ſuch perſon as they ſhall think proper, to make the ſame.

FRIDAY, June 27th, 1735.

Whereas this Board has been informed, that on the 24th inſtant, at night, through the careleſſneſs of the Watchmen of the Linen-Hall, ſome evil-diſpoſed perſons broke in at one of the Windows of the ſaid Hall, and took from thence eleven pieces of Linen, the property of John Bradley, valued at 11l. 12s.

Resolved, That the ſaid Watchmen do pay the value of the ſaid Linens to the ſaid Bradley; and that their ſalaries be ſtopped, till they ſhall make good the ſame,

Resolved, That an Advertiſement be printed, offering a reward of 20l. including the 5l. already promiſed by an Advertiſement publiſhed by the ſaid Bradley, to any perſon or perſons who ſhall diſcover any of the perſons concerned in the ſaid robbery, ſo that he or they be convicted thereof.

Resolved, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet at the Linen-Hall, on Monday next at eleven o'clock, to conſider of making the ſame more ſecure.

FRIDAY, July 11th, 1735.

Thomas Jolly's Report, being read, ſetting forth, that he had taken up two pieces of Cloth in the Linen-Hall, having the Lap-yards filled with Starch, which were ſtamped by William Pollock, of the County of Armagh, Lapper,

As alſo one piece more, for having the lap-yard finer than the inſide, which was ſtamped by Archibald Morriſon, of the ſaid County, Lapper,

Resolved, That Letters be wrote to the ſaid Lappers, directing them to attend on Friday, the 25th of July, inſt. and that they then bring to the Linen-Office their Seals, Commiſſions and Inſtructions, which if they fail to do, their Bonds will be put in ſuit.

FRIDAY, July 18th, 1735.

Advertisement.

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, having purſuant to a Clauſe in an Act of Parliament paſſed laſt Seſſion, directed the Lappers in making up the Linens, to ſtamp the entire number of inches ſuch pieces contain in breadth, without regard to the fractions of an inch, and that they do not mark or ſtamp them otherwiſe, or in any other manner,

This is to give notice to all Weavers, Sellers and Buyers of Linen, that ſuch directions are given, to the end, that no perſons do buy any Linens made up and ſtamped, except ſuch marks are accordingly ſtamped thereupon, as well

well for breadth, as for the length of ſuch pieces; and that any perſon or perſons, who ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale, any Linens not having the breadths marked as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit the ſum of 3s. for every ſuch piece of Cloth ſo ſold or expoſed to ſale.

RESOLVED, That the ſeveral pieces of Linen taken up by Thomas Jolly for being illegally ſtamped, and which are now in his cuſtody, be returned to the owners of the ſaid Linens, and that they be acquainted that this Board will proſecute any of the Lappers of the ſaid Cloth if they think fit.

RESOLVED, That where any complaint ſhall be made of Cloth unduly lapped, the ſaid Cloth being inſpected when found faulty, and the damage eſtimated by the owner, the Seal ſhall be cut off and left with Mr. Jolly, and thereupon the Cloth may be returned to the right owner if he think fit.

RESOLVED, That this Board will import a conſiderable quantity of Flax-ſeed, of the growth of the Eaſt Countries.

FRIDAY, JULY 25th, 1735.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet at the Linen-Hall on Monday next, to treat with the Merchants about importing Flax-ſeed from the Baltic.

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be printed, deſiring the Merchants to give in propoſals for importing Flax-ſeed from Riga, Memel, Koningſbergh, and other parts of the Eaſt Country this year, for the ſervice of this Board.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th, 1735.

ORDERED, That a Letter be ſent to Mr. Henry, deſiring him to write to Mr. Ludolph Weylandt, to obſerve Mr. Uſher's directions in the buying and ſhipping the Flax-ſeed deſigned to be purchaſed at Riga, and deſiring him to procure credit on Amſterdam for 6000l. to anſwer the charge of the ſaid Seed, which this Board will pay when the Bills ſhall be drawn for the ſame.

John Graham, who it was agreed ſhould be ſent to Riga, to overſee the ſhipping the Seed there, being called in, received his Inſtructions which are as follow:

INSTRUCTIONS given to JOHN GRAHAM, for his Conduct in his Voyage to and at Riga.

You are to find out immediately on your arrival Mr. Jacob Ludolph Weylandt, who is commiſſioned to buy Seed for the Board, and to make an acquaintance with him, and to learn from him and others whatever you can relating to the Seed of this year's growth, the cleanneſs and market-price, the particular growths that are in moſt eſteem, the manner of bringing it to the market, the uſual ſeaſon of ripening, and method of preparing and putting up the ſame, and the uſual time of its arrival at Riga.

But you are to be cautious and prudent in your behaviour upon this ſubject, and not to interfere at all in the purchaſe of it, which is entirely committed to him.

You are to take care that an underlining hoop be put both at head and bottom of each caſk, as alſo a ſheet of ſtrong brown paper.

You are to direct that two hundred barrels of the ſeed of the Board, be put up in ſacks of four buſhels each, in order to make an experiment of that kind of package.—Note, that the difference between freight of a barrel in caſk and in bags, is as five to three.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1735.

RESOLVED, That where any thing now is, or hereafter ſhall be referred to the conſideration of a Committee, and has not, or ſhall not be proceeded on in three months after ſuch order of reference, the ſame ſhall (of courſe) be, and is hereby ordered to be ſtruck out of the Committee paper.

The Board being moved to conſider of ſome method how to prevent the abuſes committed in bleaching with Lime, and of the appointment of Lappers in and about the City of Dublin,

ORDERED, That the conſideration thereof be and is hereby referred to a Committee of the whole Board, or any three or more of them.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22d, 1735.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of a proper method for providing good Spinning-wheels, being read, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider of a proper method for providing good Spinning-wheels, have met accordingly, and find that the general cauſe of Wheels being bad is, that the Rims are made of green Timber; we have examined ſeveral Wheelwrights who attended upon the occaſion, as to the nature or kind of Stuff moſt proper to be provided for the making of Wheels, and find they generally agree that Poliſh Oak is the beſt kind of Timber or Stuff to make the Rims of; we alſo find that the Poliſh Oak may be had at 3l. per Ton.

We are therefore of opinion that for the providing good Wheels for the ſervice of the Board, it will be proper to buy a quantity of about two thouſand pieces (in plank) of Poliſh Oak, of the following dimenſions, viz. an inch and a quarter thick, three feet four inches long, and not leſs than ſix inches and a half broad, which we are of opinion ſhould be laid by in the Inner-yard belonging to the Linen-Hall, to ſeaſon for a conſiderable time, and that when the ſame ſhall be ſufficiently ſeaſoned, every Wheelwright who ſhall be employed by this Board ſhall be obliged to take his Timber from thence, paying the ſame rate for the ſaid Plank as ſhall be given by this Board.

A Paper containing ſome Complaints againſt Thomas Jolly, being read, and Thomas Jolly being called in and examined, and having the ſaid Paper read to him,

ORDERED, That a Copy of the ſaid Paper be given to Mr. Jolly, and that he be directed to give in his anſwer thereto on Monday next, and that a Board be ſummoned to meet on that day to make farther enquiry into the ſaid matter of complaint.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1735.

The matter of complaint made againſt Thomas Jolly, and laid before the laſt Board, being taken into conſideration and ſeveral perſons examined relating to the ſame,

RESOLVED, That it appears to this Board, that Thomas Jolly received ſome gratuities from ſome of the Wheelwrights for ſtamping Spinning-wheels.

ORDERED, That he forthwith return the ſaid ſeveral ſums ſo received, to the reſpective perſons who paid the ſame.

RESOLVED, That for the ſaid offence he be ſuſpended during the pleaſure of this Board.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That any Officer belonging to the Linen Board, who ſhall take any Gratuity, Fee or Reward for doing any part of his duty, at or even after ſuch duty or ſervice is performed, ſhall be immediately diſmiſſed.

ORDERED, That for the future no Looms, Wheels or Reels be ſtamped in Dublin, but in preſence of one or more of the Truſtees of the Linen Board.

ORDERED, That the Stamps be lodged with Mr. Uſher.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1735.

The Petition of Thomas Jolly, being read, expreſſing his concern for having incurred the diſpleaſure of this Board, by receiving ſome gratuities from ſome of the Workmen employed to make the Wheels and Reels for the ſtamping the ſame, and further ſetting forth that he had complied with the orders of this Board in returning the ſeveral ſums by him received, and alſo promiſing to be more careful in his conduct for the future, and praying to be reſtored to his employment,

RESOLVED, That he be reſtored to his ſaid Employment.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1735.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorials of Mrs. Mary Reeves and Daniel Chappell, being read, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of Mrs. Mary Reeves, praying payment for one year and a half's rent due the 24th of June laſt, out of the lands of Ball's-Bridge, whereon the Manufacture for the printing of Linen is erected; as alſo the Memorial of Daniel Chappell who holds the ſame, praying to be eaſed as to the rent thereof, having met and conſidered the ſame, and alſo examined the ſeveral Papers, Reports and Reſolutions of this Board relating to Daniel Chappell and his proceedings at Ball's-Bridge, are of opinion that this Board is not obliged to pay any rent for the ſaid Daniel Chappell, from the 25th day of December 1733, and that having expended conſiderable ſums for the encouragement of the ſaid Daniel Chappell, we do not think it for the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture to be at any further expence for the encouragement or ſupport of this undertaking.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not be at any further expence for the encouragement and ſupport of the ſaid Manufacture.

RESOLVED, That Daniel Chappell be acquainted with the above Reſolutions, and that he do attend next Board to give Security for the rent now due, and alſo for the payment thereof for the time to come.

RESOLVED, That all complaints made againſt Lappers on account of their miſconduct or irregular proceedings, be firſt heard by the Board before they proceed to any other buſineſs.

ORDERED, That Richard Shaw and Thomas Murphy be appointed Itinerant Men, to inſpect the ſeveral Bleach-yards in and about the City of Dublin, and that Commiſſions be prepared for them to be ſigned at next Board, and that they make a report of their proceedings every Friday morning.

RESOLVED, That for the future when any complaint is made againſt a Lapper, a copy of the complaint be ſent to ſuch Lapper, and his anſwer required to be laid before the Board along with the complaint, and that this be done without waiting for a Board to give ſuch directions.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1735.

The Petition of Joſeph Benniſon for and in behalf of Robert Hunter, one of the ſecurities given by Hugh Montgomery, late a Factor in the Linen-Hall, being read, praying that the ſaid Benniſon may have power and authority to apprehend the ſaid Hugh Montgomery, upon the Bonds given in by the ſaid Hugh Montgomery, jointly with the ſaid Robert Hunter and Samuel Kerr, in order to ſecure the Creditors as far forth as may be,

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do execute a Letter of Attorney to the ſaid Mr. Joſeph Benniſon, empowering him to ſecure and apprehend the ſaid Hugh Montgomery upon the Bonds by him given to Mr. Uſher, for the due execution of his Office as Factor of the Linen Hall.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1735.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to meet every Wedneſday morning at the Linen-Hall, to receive all complaints of abuſes in lapping, to obſerve particularly the conduct of the Factors and all other perſons belonging to that Hall, and that any one or more of the Truſtees there attending be a Committee for that purpoſe, and to report the proceedings to the Board.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be printed to inform the public that the Linen Board has appointed a Committee to attend at the Linen-Hall every Wedneſday, to examine into the conduct and behaviour of the Lappers, and of the Officers of the Linen-Hall.

RESOLVED, That the ſame be printed in the Newspapers as uſual.

ORDERED, That the ſaid Advertiſement be poſted up in the Linen-Hall, and in the moſt public places of the ſeveral Northern Counties.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1735.

ORDERED, That a Letter be wrote by Mr. Uſher to Alderman Burrowes, deſiring him to deliver to this Board the Linens now in his poſſeſſion, which were ſtolen out of the Linen-Hall and lodged with him as Juſtice of the Peace, on the apprehending of the perſons concerned in the robbery.

RESOLVED, That any Lapper who ſhall not attend at the day appointed when ſummoned, or ſhew ſufficient cauſe for his non-attendance, ſhall have his Seals immediately taken from him, and that this penalty be inſerted in the ſummons requiring them to attend.

The following form of a ſummons for Lappers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

You are required by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to attend their Committee at the Linen-Hall, on the day of to anſwer certain complaints made againſt you for falſe lapping, by bring with you your Seals, Commiſſion and Inſtructions, in failure whereof you will be forthwith diſcharged and your Bail ſued.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22d, 1735.

It appearing to the Board that Thomas Turner hath by his Engine for re-twiſting Yarn, done ſervice to the Linen Manufacture,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That the ſum of 20l. over and above the 7l. 12s. formerly paid him on his entering on this work, be now paid him.

RESOLVED, That in complaints made againſt Lappers, the damage pretended to be done by the falſe lapping, be not only aſcertained in the complaint, but that an Affidavit be made by the party, that he believes the contents to be true.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1735.

RESOLVED, That all Lappers do ſend up every year between the 1ſt of December and the 1ſt of January, Certificates ſigned by the Miniſter of the Pariſh and neighbouring Juſtice of the Peace, that the perſons expreſſed to be their Bail were then living, and thought reaſonable Security for 100l. that the Lapper has the repute of acting fairly in his buſineſs, or in what other circumſtances they are, and on neglect of returning ſuch Certificate, the Lapper ſhall be ſuſpended and his Seals taken from him.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1735.

The Memorial of George Sherſton, Clerk, and George Lawe, Chamberlain of the Linen-Hall, being read, deſiring that they may not be liable to pay Miniſter's-money and other Taxes for the Houſes built by this Board at the Linen-Hall, wherein they now live,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Committee that meet at the Linen Hall on Wedneſdays.

An Advertiſement directing the Lappers to enquire frequently at their reſpective Poſt-Towns, for ſuch Orders as ſhall be ſent them by this Board, being laid before the Board, the ſame was agreed to, and is as follows:

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Whereas upon Complaints received by the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, of Frauds and Abuſes committed by Lappers, Summonſes are frequently ſent to them to appear in Dublin, on certain days in the Summonſes expreſſed, to the end the matters complained of may be fully examined in preſence of both parties, which however on ſeveral occaſions have not been duly obſerved on the part of the Lappers complained againſt, on pretence that ſuch orders were not received by them in due time, which if ſo, appears to have happened through default of ſuch Lappers, they neglecting to keep up any correſpondence with the Poſt-Towns in their neighbourhood, to which all Orders were at their own requeſt to be ſent, which neglects tend greatly to the prejudice of the public.

The ſaid Truſtees do hereby give notice to all Lappers of Linen Cloths, that they will in the ſpeedieſt and ſtricteſt manner puniſh all Abuſes, Frauds and Neglects committed by ſuch Lappers in their ſeveral employments, and do expect and require that all Lappers public and private, be diligent, careful and honeſt in the diſcharge of their reſpective Truſts, and that they do once in ten days, or oftner as they have opportunity, hold ſuch correſpondence with the reſpective Poſt-offices, by them agreed to receive orders at, as may enable them duly to receive ſuch directions as ſhall be ſent from time to time, and that whoever on Summons ſo ſent, ſhall fail to appear on the day appointed, not being leſs than twenty-one days from the date of ſuch Summons, ſuch perſon ſo failing, ſhall be forthwith ſuſpended from his employment and his Seals taken from him, and even diſcharged where the nature of the complaint and proofs therein made may require it, and his Bail thereupon ſued for the damages.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ſt, 1735.

Whereas this Board did come to a Reſolution, that when Mr. Hamilton Maxwell ſhould make it appear to the ſatisfaction of the Board, that he had finiſhed his Bleach-yard and Buck-houſe, and provided them with all proper Utenſils, and ſhould prove what he had expended on the ſame, that it ſhould then be taken into conſideration what encouragement might be proper to be given to him, and it appearing by an account laid before the Board confirmed by Affidavit, that he had expended the ſum of 181l. in making his Bleach-yard, building his Buck-houſe and providing it with proper Utenſils,

RESOLVED, That he be allowed the ſum of 40l. to reimburſe him part of his expence, in as much as the ſame was undertaken on the promiſe of receiving ſome encouragement from this Board.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1735.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher do immediately give the neceſſary directions for proſecuting the perſon or perſons who replevied the Linens which were ſeized by John Graham and Nicholas Noud, in the hands of Francis Taylor, and that this Board will be at the expence thereof.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1735.

The form of an Affidavit to be made by the Contractors, was agreed to, and is as follows:

A. B. Came this day before me, and made Oath on the Holy Evangeliſts, that the Flax-ſeed by him now intended to be delivered at amounting by eſtimate to Buſhels, is, as he believes, the produce of the Seed received by him, by Contract with the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, or of Riga, or Dutch Seed purchaſed ſince, agreeable to his Bond, and that the ſame, to the beſt of his belief, is alſo of the growth of the preſent year, and no part thereof purchaſed from any other perſon.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to conſider of providing and ſetting up of Engines, for ſoftening of Flax in this Kingdom.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ſt, 1735.

Robert Steele of Larne, in the County of Antrim, Linen-weaver, having laid before the Board a piece of extraordinary fine Linen, and having alſo petitioned for ſome encouragement from this Board.

ORDERED, That a ſet of Flax-hatchels and a ſuper-fine Hatchel, and alſo a Cambrick Loom be lent to him, and two barrels of Riga Flax-ſeed given to him for his encouragement.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1735.

The Board being moved that the fine piece of Linen laid before them at their laſt meeting, made by Robert Steele of Larne, in the County of Antrim, ſhould be purchaſed and preſented to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Hill and Mr. Roſs be deſired to treat for the ſame, or any finer piece that can be had for that purpoſe.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1735—36.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher do write to Mr. John Moore, of Bonyfinglas, in the County of Mayo, Gent. to know what progreſs he has made in his Manufacture at Foxford, in the ſaid County.

Whereas the Board was moved on the 12th of laſt month, that the fine piece of Linen, made by Robert Steel, of Larne, in the County of Antrim, and laid before the Board on the 1ſt of the ſame month, ſhould be purchaſed and preſented to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and the ſaid piece being again laid before the Board,

RESOLVED, That the ſum of fifty guineas be paid to Robert Steel, for the ſaid piece of Linen; and that a preſent be made thereof to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1735—36.

RESOLVED, That Arthur Hill, Eſq; who is going to England, be deſired to carry the ſaid fine piece of Linen with him, and preſent the ſame to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, with the Compliments of this Board.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1735—36.

Whereas the piece of Linen which was by a Reſolution of the 14th inſtant, ordered to be purchaſed from Robert Steel, upon opening, has appeared to be full of holes, and unmerchantable,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher be directed not to pay for the ſaid piece of Linen, but that he return the ſame to the ſaid Robert Steel; and that he be allowed 8l. 16s. in his account, which he paid for redeeming the ſame from John Murphy, to whom it was in pledge for that ſum.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1735—36.

The Petitions of John Pitt and Patrick Reily, Conſtables of the City of Dublin, being read, praying ſome conſideration for their trouble and expences, in apprehending and confining in Gaol, ſome perſons concerned laſt ſummer, in robbing the Linen-Hall,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 5l. to be paid to the ſaid John Pitt and Patrick Reily, for the ſaid ſervice.

RESOLVED, That where any Hatchels ſhall be hereafter granted to any gentlemen, inſtead of the Bonds uſually given, a Receipt only in the form following be taken; but that all Flax-dreſſers to whom Hatchels ſhall be granted, do give Bonds in the uſual manner:

Received and borrowed from the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, one ſet of Flax Hatchels, to be kept employed by a perſon ſkilful in hatchelling Flax at in the County of which I promiſe to return upon demand, if the work be diſcontinued for the ſpace of three months.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1735—36.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of ſending to Holland for Flax-dreſſers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider on what terms a Flax-dreſſer ſhall be brought from Holland, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that Mr. Roſs be deſired to write to his friend in Holland, to ſee upon what terms two coarſe Flax-dreſſing-men, and two fine Flax-dreſſing-women, will come for Ireland, in order to be fixed in Dublin, for the inſtruction of people in that Art.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1735—36.

RESOLVED, That for the future, no Wheels ſhall be lodged in the Linen-Hall, in order to be inſpected or ſtamped, without a ſpecial Order from the Board, or from the Committee who ſit at the Linen-Hall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1735—36.

RESOLVED, That in the diſtribution of the Hemp-ſeed, none be given to any perſons who had Hemp-ſeed laſt year.

MONDAY, MARCH 22d, 1735—36.

Mr. Uſher having laid before the Board two Certificates, ſigned by Thomas Jolly, of the delivery of eight hundred, three quarters, and twenty-five pounds weight of Flax, by Hugh Henry, Eſq; into the Ware-houſe in Poolbeg-ſtreet, for which the uſual premium is deſired,

ORDERED, That a Warrant be drawn for 1l. 6s. 10d. being the premium due for the ſaid quantity of Flax ſo delivered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th, 1736.

An Advertiſement being laid before the Board and read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

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Whereas ſeveral Lappers, commiſſioned to lap and ſtamp Linens deſigned for ſale, have of late years, through corruption or neglect, greatly failed in their duties, by frequently turning out for the lap-yard, the fineſt part of the piece, to deceive the buyer, as alſo in marking pieces to contain greater lengths and breadths than they really contain, and likewiſe ſtamping cloths, which within are mildewed, or ſo very wet, that in a little time after the firſt ſale, they become mildewed, and by other corrupt and fraudulent practices, greatly diſcredit and obſtruct the ſale of our Linens in the Markets abroad: the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, taking the ſaid frauds and abuſes into their conſideration, do for remedy thereof, hereby give notice, that as they are deſirous to encourage the diligent and honeſt Lappers, ſo they will for the future, ſeverely puniſh the corrupt, negligent, and wilful offenders, as their caſes ſeverally ſhall deſerve, not only by taking away their Seals, diſcharging them from the ſervice, and poſting their names and faults in the moſt public places of their county, and in the Linen-Hall, but alſo by fining them in the higheſt penalties the Law will warrant, and immediately putting their bonds in ſuit for the ſame; of all which, the ſeveral Lappers of this Kingdom, and their ſecurities, and alſo the accomplices of ſuch Lappers in theſe fraudulent practices, are to take notice at their peril; and the Bleachers are likewiſe to take notice, that there will be ſtrict enquiry into their care and conduct, and their faults, when made appear, ſeverely puniſhed: And further, that on Wedneſday in each week, or oftener, as occaſion ſhall require, all due diſpatch will be made at the Linen-Hall, and encouragement given to all perſons that ſhall inform of any of the ſaid abuſes.

RESOLVED, That the ſame be printed in the News-papers as uſual; and that it be likewiſe poſted up in the Linen-Hall, and in the moſt public places in the ſeveral northern Counties.

MONDAY, APRIL 12th, 1736.

ORDERED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet next Wedneſday at the Linen-Hall, at the hour of ten in the morning, on the Memorial of Meſſ. De Joncourt, preſented to the Board, relating to the making of Cambricks; and that the ſaid Meſſ. De Joncourt be directed then to attend them there.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th, 1736.

Whereas Complaints from time to time have been frequently made of the badneſs of Wheels delivered to many perſons by the Wheelrights; and in order to remedy that evil for the future,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Uſher be directed to detain in his hands, for the time to come, out of all ſuch payments as he ſhall make for Wheels to ſuch artificers, the ſum of ſix-pence for each Wheel; and in caſe no complaint be made againſt ſuch Wheels, in ſix months after their delivery, then the ſaid ſix-pences are to be paid to the ſaid artificers.

A Letter from Meſſ. Fitzhugh and Barton, London, being laid before the Board and read, complaining of ſeveral pieces of Linen by them purchaſed, ſtamped by James Harper, late Lapper in the County of Donegall, that were ſhort of meaſure and mildewed,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Letter be referred to next Wedneſday's Committee, at the Linen-Hall; and that a Letter be wrote to Meſſ. Fitzhugh and Barton, acquainting them, that all poſſible ſatisfaction ſhall be given to them.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be publiſhed in the Engliſh News-papers, intimating, that an Atteſtation of a Public Notary, together with the Seals on the ends of all faulty Cloths cut off and ſent over to the Linen-Board, ſhall for the future, be deemed ſufficient evidence againſt ſuch Lappers as ſhall be guilty of ſtamping Linens fraudulently.

RESOLVED, That for the future, all Wheels buſhed with braſs, that ſhall be made in Dublin, for the uſe of this Board, ſhall not exceed 5s. coſt for each Wheel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 1736.

The Board took into conſideration the Memorial of Meſſ. De Joncourt, with their Anſwer thereto, and came to the following Reſolutions:

RESOLVED, That if Meſſ. De Joncourt ſhall bring over from France two underſtanding Flax-dreſſers, two Spinning-miſtreſſes, for ſpinning fine Yarn for Cambricks, and two Cambrick-weavers, this Board will allow to each Flax-dreſſer, the ſum of 12l. per annum, to each of the Spinning-miſtreſſes, 8l. per annum, and to the Weavers 12l. per annum each; and that the ſaid Flax-dreſſers, Spinners and Weavers, ſhall have the above ſalaries for five years, to commence from their arrival in Ireland, as alſo all the profit they can make by their own work; and further, that this Board will pay the reaſonable charges of their coming over. The ſaid Manufacturers are to inſtruct ſuch people in their ſeveral trades, as this Board ſhall direct.

RESOLVED, That this Board will allow to the two Meſſ. De Joncourt, the ſum of 80l. per annum each, for ſeven years, provided they give ſatisfaction that they are capable of improving the Cambrick Manufacture; and that they continue ſo long in Ireland, and follow the Linen Manufacture; the ſaid De Joncourt's ſalary to commence from the perfecting of Articles, but the agreement not to be binding, unleſs the ſaid De Joncourts procure the two Flax-dreſſers, two Spinners, and two Weavers as aforeſaid from France.

RESOLVED, That this Board will in proper time, provide the ſaid Meſſ. De Joncourt, with a good Bleach-yard.

RESOLVED, That this Board will provide the ſaid De Joncourts ten acres of land, and pay the rent of the ſame for three years; and give them Flax-ſeed to ſow the ten acres with.

One may go to France for the workmen and women to be brought over, and the other remain here under the direction of the Board.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 1736.

RESOLVED, That no Officer or Porter officiating in the Linen-Hall, do ſell Wine, Ale or Spirits, by retail, or keep a Public-houſe, on penalty of their being diſcharged from their reſpective offices.

MONDAY, MAY 3d, 1736.

Mr. Secretary Cary, by Order of His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, having brought ſeveral Papers and Petitions to the Board, relating to the lowering the gold coin, and keeping it current at the preſent value, with His Grace's deſire to be informed by the Board, how far they thought ſuch a meaſure might affect the Linen Manufacture, and the other branches of Trade in this Kingdom, on conſideration thereof, the Board returned the following Anſwer:

To His Grace LIONEL Duke of DORSET, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

In obedience to a Meſſage from your Grace, delivered to us by Mr Secretary Cary, and upon conſideration of the ſeveral Papers laid before us by him, we beg leave to repreſent to your Grace, that it is the opinion of this Board, that the lowering the gold to one certain ſtandard, will be of great ſervice to the Linen Manufacture, and trade of this Kingdom.

That the raiſing the foreign ſilver, and adjuſting it to the middle price of bullion in England, according to the value of Engliſh ſilver as now current in this Kingdom, will likewiſe be of ſervice to the Manufacture and Trade of this Kingdom; and we humbly propoſe the Engliſh crown, as now current in this Kingdom, as the proper ſtandard by which the ſeveral ſpecies of gold and ſilver coins may be adjuſted.

FRIDAY, MAY 21ſt, 1736.

The Petition of the ſeveral Factors of the Linen-Hall, being laid before the Board and read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to next Wedneſday's Committee at the Linen-Hall; and that the ſaid Committee do likewiſe take into their conſideration, what farther Regulations may be made for the better government of the Linen-Hall.

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Thomas Watſon, of Pill-Lane, in the City of Dublin, Linen-Draper, who is ſecurity for Moſes Kelly, one of the Factors of the Linen-Hall, having petitioned the Board, to be diſcharged from being ſecurity for the ſaid Kelly,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid Thomas Watſon be diſcharged for any future contingencies, from being any longer ſecurity for the ſaid Moſes Kelly; and that an Indorſement be made on his Bond, by Mr. Uſher, to that purpoſe; that the ſaid Kelly, and Alexander Kelly, of Church-ſtreet, Inn-holder, who is likewiſe Bail for him, be informed thereof; and that the ſaid Moſes Kelly be directed to provide new and ſufficient ſecurity.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th, 1736.

Mr. Adair, of London, Merchant, having informed the Board, that he had one hundred pieces of Linen conſigned to him, to be by him ſold in London, all which Cloths he apprehended, were bleached in the Bleach-yard of Daniel Cunningham, Eſq; Lapper in the County of Antrim, and were all rotten and unfit for ſale;

And whereas it is apprehended, that the defects in thoſe Cloths, muſt have proceeded from their being bleached with Lime, or otherwiſe bleached with a deſign to diſcredit the Manufactures of this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That Mr. John Graham, purſuant to the powers given to him by this Board, do immediately repair to the County of Antrim, and there examine the Bleach-yard in particular of the ſaid Cunningham, and ſuch other Bleach-yards in that country as he ſhall have reaſon to ſuſpect; and in caſe he ſhall find any evil practices therein, contrary to law, that he make ſeizures, and proſecute the offenders with the utmoſt rigour; and that he deſire the aſſiſtance, if needful, of all Juſtices of the Peace and Chief Magiſtrates, in the execution of the Law; it being abſolutely neceſſary for the preſervation of our Manufacture, to diſcourage and puniſh, in the moſt exemplary manner, all ſuch offences.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, 1736.

William Coward, of the City of Dublin, Merchant, having applied to be appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall, and having propoſed Patrick Ewing, of Bride-ſtreet, Linen-Draper, Benjamin Gort, of King-ſtreet, Merchant, and Richard Euſtace, of the Old-Bridge, Linen-Printer, to be ſecurity for the truſt repoſed in him,

RESOLVED, That he be appointed a Factor in the ſaid Hall, on each of the ſaid Securities ſwearing himſelf to be worth 333l. 6s. 8d. over and above all debts and demands on him.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th, 1736.

Whereas by an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, this Board is impowered to appoint as many Packers as they ſhall judge convenient for the making up and packing of Hemp in the ſeveral parts of this Kingdom,

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be prepared to be laid before the next Board, informing the Public, that this Board will proceed to the appointment of ſuch Packers, on proper application.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1736.

An Advertiſement, purſuant to the Order of the 18th inſtant, being laid before the Board and read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

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Whereas by an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for the further encouragement and improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, the Truſtees of the Linen Manufactures are impowered to appoint proper perſons in ſuch places of the Kingdom as they ſhall judge moſt convenient, to view, examine and weigh, all ſuch dreſſed Hemp as ſhall be produced or offered to them for that purpoſe, and in caſe the ſame be good and merchantable, to pack and make up the ſame, and mark on each package, the weight of Hemp therein contained, together with the name of ſuch Packer, and the County wherein he reſides, for which he is to receive an allowance, not exceeding 6d. per hundred weight;

This is to give notice, that the ſaid Truſtees, in purſuance of the ſaid Act, are ready to receive Propoſals from any perſons qualified to put the ſaid Act in execution, and to appoint them packers, on their being properly recommended, and giving ſufficient ſecurity for the due execution of their offices: Such Propoſals are to be ſent to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen-Office in the Caſtle of Dublin.

The Petition of William Coward, lately appointed one of the Factors of the Linen Hall, being read,

ORDERED, That he do give ſufficient ſecurity for the ſaid Truſt, before the meeting of the next Board; and in the mean time, that Mr. Law be directed not to ſuffer the ſaid Coward to receive any new Cloths into his rooms.

FRIDAY, JULY 9th, 1736.

ORDERED, That Mr. Uſher be directed to have the following Paragraph inſerted in the Dublin Newspapers.

On Monday the 28th of June laſt, there was a remarkable trial in the Court of King's-Bench, in a cauſe wherein Eleazer Edwards, of London, was Plaintiff, and John Graham and Nicholas Noude, were Defendants, concerning the property of a conſiderable quantity of Linen-cloth; the Defendants, who are ſervants to the Right Honourable and Honourable the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, being directed by the Truſtees to be very careful and exact in ſearching the ſeveral Bleach-yards about Dublin, in order to prevent any abuſes that might be committed in bleaching Linen-cloth, in April, 1735, diſcovered that one Taylor, a Bleacher, at Black-Pitts, had then in his Buck-houſe, twenty-five pieces of Linen, which were whitening and bucking with Lime, and it appearing by the examination of witneſſes, that Lime was made uſe of in whitening of ſaid Linen, the ſame was condemned by two Juſtices of the Peace, and cut into three parts, and delivered to the informers, purſuant to ſeveral Acts of Parliament in this Kingdom, and afterwards the ſame was replevied in the name of the Plaintiff Edwards, the Truſtees out of their regard for the Public, gave directions, that the cauſe ſhould be effectually taken care of, to prevent ſuch practices for the future, and the Trial came on before the Lord Chief Juſtice of Ireland, before a ſubſtantial Jury of the County of Dublin, when after a full hearing, the Jury gave a verdict in favour of the Defendants, by which the forfeiture of the ſaid Linens was confirmed.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Board be given to Mr. Prime Serjeant Singleton, and to the Attorney and Solicitor General, for their great care and trouble in ap-

pearing without fee, in the ſeveral Law-ſuits carried on by this Board for the ſervice of the Public; and that Mr. Uſher do wait on each of them, to return them thanks.

William Coward, appointed a Factor in the Linen-Hall by an Order of the 4th of June laſt, having been further ordered on the 25th following, to give ſufficient ſecurity for the ſaid Truſt, before the meeting of the next Board, which Bail not being ſufficient,

Resolved, That the ſaid former Order be diſcharged; and that William Coward be no longer permitted to keep a room in the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY, July 23d, 1736.

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Whereas by an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion of Parliament, the ſum of 2000l. was granted to the Truſtees of the Linen-Manufacture, to be by them laid out for the encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught, for the ſervice of the current year,

Now the ſaid Truſtees do deſire, that the gentlemen of the reſpective Counties in thoſe Provinces, will inform them in the purchaſe of what Tools and Utenſils, they think the ſame may be beſt laid out for the ſervice of the Public.

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Whereas by an Act paſſed in the fourth year of the reign of King George I. it is therein enacted, that no Linen Cloth ſhall be made and lapped up for ſale, with any Chalk-duſt or Flour, under the penalty of ſuch Cloth being forfeited to any perſon or perſons who ſhall ſeize the ſame:

And whereas it is notorious, that to avoid the ſaid penalty, many perſons do whiten their Cloths with Starch, to deceive the dealers, which being an ingredient made of Flour, muſt prove equally detrimental to the Linen; to avoid which for the future,

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture do hereby give notice to all perſons concerned, that they do not hereafter make uſe of Chalk-duſt, Flour or Starch, or any other ingredient to deceive the buyer, for the Truſtees will give directions to their ſeveral Officers, to ſeize all Linens which ſhall be ſo made up.

FRIDAY, August 6th, 1736.

Thomas Rickeaby, Wheelwright, having propoſed to make Wheels either ſolid or ſpoked, for 4s. 3d. each,

Resolved, That the ſaid Thomas Rickeaby be employed to make the firſt hundred Wheels at that price that this Board ſhall have occaſion for; and that no other Wheelright be allowed any greater price for Wheels, that ſhall be beſpoke for the future.

FRIDAY, October 1ſt, 1736.

An extraordinary fine piece of Linen having been laid before the Board,

Resolved, That the ſame be purchaſed at the rate of forty guineas; and that the ſame be made a preſent of to His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, provided the Committee that meets next Wedneſday at the Linen-Hall, ſhall on opening, find the ſame ſufficient.

FRIDAY, October 22d, 1736.

A Propoſal from ſome people in London, for whitening Cloth after a new manner, and in a ſhorter time than uſual, having been laid before the Board,

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher do write to Colonel James Butler, now in London, through whoſe hands the ſaid Propoſal came, to inform him, that as it is not ſigned by any body, neither does it ſet forth who the Undertakers are, nor the methods to be made uſe of, they can give no Anſwer thereto; but are inclined to give all due encouragement to any perſons who ſhall propoſe any matter to them for the advancement of the Linen Manufacture.

FRIDAY, October 29th, 1736.

Resolved, That where any grant ſhall be made by the Board, to any perſon for Utenſils of any kind, that if that perſon do not take the full benefit of the ſaid grant, in two months from the time of granting, the ſame ſhall be void.

FRIDAY, November 12th, 1736.

A Complaint made againſt the abuſe of Rubbing-boards, being laid before the Board, and the Clauſe in the Act taken into conſideration,

Resolved, That an Advertiſement be printed in the uſual Papers, for diſcouragement of this practice; and an Advertiſement was propoſed and agreed to, and ordered to be printed and publiſhed in the uſual Papers, as follows:

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Whereas by an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for the further encouragement and improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, it is among other things enacted, that if any Bleacher ſhall uſe, or ſuffer to be uſed any Rubbing-board, in the waſhing or rubbing his Cloths, ſuch Bleacher ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit the ſum of 10l. to the Informer;

The Truſtees of the ſaid Manufactures do hereby think fit to give notice, that where it ſhall appear that any offences againſt the ſaid Law are committed, they will proſecute the ſame in the ſtricteſt manner, and that no perſon at their peril do offend therein.

FRIDAY, November 19th, 1736.

Ordered, That Mr. Uſher do write to Mr. Maples, deſiring leave to lodge the Looms now at the Linen Ware-houſe, in the Parliament-houſe, for the ſpace of three months.

FRIDAY, November 26th, 1736.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider Mr. Delahoid, of the City of Corke's Propoſals, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by Order, to conſider Mr. Delahoid's Letter and Propoſal, deſiring encouragement for carrying on his Hempen Manufacture near Cork, have met and conſidered the ſame, and find, that by his ſaid Letter, he deſires that Mr. Simon Voax, a man of ſubſtance and character, and who was ready to give ſufficient ſecurity, may be appointed a Searcher and Packer of Hemp at Limerick, at a ſalary of 20l. per annum, and propoſing, in caſe he be appointed a Packer

a Packer as aforeſaid, that he will purchaſe of the growth of that part of the country, eighty tons of Hemp annually;

Your Committee are of opinion, that as by Act of Parliament, this Board is impowered and directed to appoint Packers of Hemp, in order to procure thoſe who may do the ſame with juſtice and impartiality, it may be proper to appoint the ſaid Simon Voax, a Packer of Hemp at Limerick, at a ſalary of 20l. for one year, over and above the 6d. per hundred weight, allowed to be taken by every Packer, by Act of Parliament; and that a Commiſſion for appointing him a Packer of Hemp as aforeſaid, be drawn up and ſigned by the Board, on his giving ſufficient ſecurity for the due execution of his office, provided that the ſaid ſalary of 20l. ſhall not be paid to the ſaid Simon Voax, unleſs the ſaid Mr. Delahoid do make it appear to this Board, that he has bought eighty tons of Hemp of the ſaid Mr. Voax's packing; and that the ſaid Mr. Voax be alſo obliged, for the ſaid ſalary, to view all Hemp and Flax-ſeed delivered in at Limerick for the ſervice of this Board, if required, and return Certificates of the ſufficiency of the ſame to this Board.

RESOLVED, That this Board will on this day fortnight take into conſideration the Lord Limerick's Propoſal, relating to the ſettling Meſſ. De Joncourts in the Scheme for making Cambricks in this Kingdom.

The Petition of Mary Cary, of Coleraine, in the County of Derry, againſt William Stevenſon, Factor in the Linen-Hall, complaining that ſome Cloths lodged by her in his hands, were damaged in the Linen-Hall, ſo as to render them unfit for ſale, being read,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee at the Linen-Hall, on Wedneſday next.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1736.

The Report of the Committee at the Linen-Hall, appointed by Order, to conſider Mary Cary's Petition for damage ſuffered in the Linen-Hall, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of Mary Cary, of Coleraine, in the County of Derry, againſt Wm. Stevenſon, Factor in the Linen-hall, ſetting forth, that ſome Cloths lodged by her in his hands, were damaged in the Linen-Hall, ſo as to render them unfit for ſale, have met and conſidered the ſame, and having examined the ſaid William Stevenſon on oath, as to the Contents of the ſaid Petition, find, that the ſaid Linens were damaged by a bottle of ink that was broke in the Committee-room, which went through the floor into one of the rooms where the ſaid Linens were in the ſaid Hall, to the value of 2l. 10s. we are therefore of opinion, that the ſum of 2l. 10s. be paid her in full, for the damage ſhe ſuſtained on account of the ſaid accident.

ORDERED, That the Committee who are to meet on Wedneſday the 8th inſtant at the Linen-Hall, do conſider whether it may be proper that private Lappers ſhould be continued.

ORDERED, That the ſaid Committee do likewiſe conſider of a proper place for a Yarn Market; and as near the Hall as conveniently may be.

RESOLVED, That no perſons intitled by the favour of the Board, to receive hereafter any number of Wheels, Reels, or other Utenſils, out of the grant of 2000l. per annum, ſhall be intitled to receive the proportions of money deſigned for them, till they ſhall produce to this Board an Affidavit of the Artificer who makes the ſaid Wheels and Utenſils, that he has made by order of ſuch Grantee, as many more Wheels, Reels or Utenſils, as were granted, expreſſing the number ſo made; that the ſame have been viewed and ſtamped, and delivered for the uſe of ſuch Grantee; and that he is paid for the whole parcel, expreſſing the particular ſum ſo paid by each Grantee; alſo for ſuch as are made in the country, farther expreſſing, that the oak plank of which the rims are made, has been, as he believes, upwards of a year in ſcantling, not exceeding one inch and three fourths in thickneſs.

RESOLVED, That one Reel be provided for every ten Wheels that ſhall be allowed.

RESOLVED, That all the Wheels be buſhed with Braſs; and that 4s. 6d. be allowed for each Wheel, and 2s. 6d. for each Reel.

RESOLVED, That the perſons providing the ſaid Wheels and Reels, and other Utenſils, be at liberty to employ ſuch able workmen as they ſhall think proper, to make the ſame in the remote Counties.

ORDERED, That for the Counties adjacent to Dublin, the ſaid Wheels and Utenſils be made in Dublin, and viewed and ſtamped as uſual in the Linen-Hall; and that the Workman who makes any Wheels and Utenſils, be obliged to warrant his work for one year, from the date of the ſaid Affidavit.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1736.

The Report of the Committee appointed to prepare proper Inſtructions and Regulations for the Store-keepers and Inſpectors of the contract Seed, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by an Order of the 3d. inſt. to prepare proper Inſtructions and Regulations to be obſerved by the Store-keepers in keeping the contract Seed, ſo as to preſerve it ſound and good to the time of delivery, and alſo for the delivery thereof, have met and conſidered the ſame, and have come to the following Reſolutions; viz.

That the Inſpectors of contract Seed ſhould be ſworn to reject without favour or affection, all bad or foul Seed; and that they will not receive, directly or indirectly, any reward or gratuity on account of receiving the ſaid Seed.

That they turn all Seed out of the ſacks or caſks, in order to view and judge of it.

That they take an ounce or two out of every parcel of Seed they ſhall receive, and ſeal up each parcel of the ſame in a paper, on which the name of the Contractor ſhall be written, and the mark of the reſpective ſack or caſk, and tranſmit the ſame to the Board.

That they take care that no Seed be lodged upon earthen floors, or in damp places; and tranſmit to the Board, an account of the extent and conveniencies of the Store-houſes.

That the Store-keeper do enter in a ſeparate page of his Book, the quantity of Seed received from each Contractor, with the mark or name that is put on the ſacks, and in the ſame paper enter the name of every perſon who ſhall obtain the order of the Board for receiving any part of the ſame, together with the quantity.

ORDERED, That the ſaid Inſpectors do immediately return Samples of all ſuch Seed as have been already

ready received, to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen-Office, in the Caſtle of Dublin.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of a proper place for a Yarn Market, being read, as alſo the Petition of a great number of Weavers and Manufacturers of Linen-yarn, in the City, and County of the City of Dublin, praying, that the place for holding the Yarn Market may be fixed near Thomas ſtreet,

ORDERED, That the ſaid Report be taken into conſideration on Saturday the 18th inſtant; and that the ſaid Weavers be then heard on the ſubject of their Petition.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider whether it may be proper to continue private Lappers, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by an Order of the 3d. inſt. to conſider whether it may be proper that private Lappers ſhould be continued, have met and conſidered the ſame, and as we apprehend that great inconveniencies may ariſe from permitting private Lappers to lap their own Cloths, are of opinion, that no more private Lappers be appointed; alſo that where ſuch private Lappers as are now employed, are convicted of frauds in lapping, that their Seals be taken from them, and never reſtored, and the ſevereſt penalties be inflicted on them that the law will allow.

The Report of the Committee appointed to view and examine a piece of fine Linen laid before them by direction of the Board, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed by an order of the third inſtant, to view and examine a fine piece of Linen Cloth laid before us by your order, and to report our opinion thereon, have met, and upon view find the ſame to be very good, fine, and perfectly ſound,

RESOLVED, That the ſaid piece of Linen be purchaſed by the Board, at the rate of a guinea per yard.

RESOLVED, That the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Limerick, who is going to England, be deſired to carry the ſaid fine piece of Linen with him, and preſent the ſame to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, with the compliments of this Board.

The propoſal of the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Limerick, for ſettling Meſſrs. De Joncourt at Dundalk, in convenient houſes with vaults for weaving Cambricks, as ſoon as the ſame could be made, being read, was agreed to, on his Lordſhip's engaging in the mean time to provide convenient places for the immediate reception of them and their Artiſts, when they ſhall arrive in this Kingdom, Rent-free.

ORDERED, That a Committee be ſummoned to meet at the Caſtle, on Monday the 13th inſtant, to ſee the engagements the Board lies under to Meſſrs. De Joncourt properly executed: That the propoſal of the Lord Limerick, (approved of by this Board) for ſettling ſaid Meſſrs. De Joncourt, at Dundalk, be laid before the ſaid Committee, and that when the Artiſts arrive from Flanders, the ſaid Committee have power to ſend them forthwith to Dundalk, with ſuch neceſſary proviſion as they ſhall think proper.

ORDERED, That Mr James Young of Killiſhandra, be deſired to get the Truſtees ſtamp for Wheels, lately in the hands of John King, Eſq; and then view the Wheels and Reels provided by Mr. Arthur Hamilton, for the County of Leitrim, and if he finds them ſufficient, to ſtamp the ſame, and return an account thereof to the Board, and that when he has viewed and ſtamped the ſaid Wheels and Reels, he deliver the Stamp to William Gore of Woodford, Eſq; and that the ſaid Stamp do remain in his cuſtody to ſtamp ſuch Wheels, Reels or other utenſils, as ſhall be made for the uſe of the ſaid County of Leitrim, during the pleaſure of the Board.

RESOLVED, That a ſtamp be made for the uſe of each County where there is not one at preſent, in the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1736.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, for the good of the Kingdom in general, being willing to purchaſe Flax-ſeed of the growth thereof, do hereby give notice, that every perſon having Flax-ſeed to diſpoſe of, as ſhall make oath that the Flax-ſeed by him now intended to be delivered at any of the Ports of Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Sligo or Dundalk, with the number of Buſhels eſtimated, is as he believes the produce of the Seed received by him from the Linen Board, or of Riga, or Dutch Seed, that the ſame is the growth of this preſent year, and no part thereof purchaſed from any other perſon; ſuch perſon ſhall receive for every ſuch Buſhel of clean merchantable Seed, the ſum of 5s. and alſo the ſum of 2s. for each good new Sack containing four buſhels, provided the ſame be viewed and delivered at any of the ſaid Ports, before the 10th day of January next, and that the ſaid perſon do keep the like quantity for ſowing the next ſeaſon.

RESOLVED, That the Right Rev. Lord Biſhop of Kilmore, Right Hon. Thomas Carter, Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Burgh, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Roſs, or any three of them, be a Committee appointed to receive all ſuch propoſals as ſhall be offered to them before the 10th of January next, for ground for a Yarn and Flax market; that the ſaid Committee do view the ſaid ſeveral pieces of ground, and report to the Board which of the ſaid propoſals appears to them moſt uſeful for the public, and all Truſtees that come to have voices.

ORDERED, That an Advertiſement be printed and publiſhed for requiring ſuch propoſals, and the ſame is as follows:

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Whereas the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture do think it very proper that a Yarn and Flax market ſhould be erected in Dublin, for the accommodation of all Dealers in thoſe commodities, they therefore deſire all perſons who have ground to diſpoſe of in Fee, convenient for that uſe, to give in their propoſals before the 10th day of January next, to Chriſtopher Uſher, Eſq; at the Linen-Office in the Caſtle of Dublin, therein ſetting forth the extent and dimenſions contained in the premiſſes, the title of the propoſer, and the place where the ground lies, with the price demanded for the ſame.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1736—37.

The Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of M. De Joncourts, being read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

We the Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of M. De Joncourts about Soap-making, and utenſils

utenſils for a Buck-houſe, have met and conſidered the ſame, and are of opinion, that the expence of one large and two leſs Coppers be granted, not exceeding 27l. 7s. and the veſſels lent to ſaid De Joncourts, during their continuing to make in Dundalk, large quantities of black Soap in a good and merchantable manner, and 6l. for making Ciſterns, on their engaging to let the ſaid expence be charged to their allowance and be deducted thereout, in caſe they do not make ſuch merchantable black Soap, and that they be obliged in all parts relating to the making of ſaid Soap, or any way relating to the Cambrick Manufacture, to inſtruct therein ſuch perſons as the Board ſhall direct from time to time; alſo, that a ſum not exceeding 21l. 12s. 8d. be granted for three Coppers, for the Bleach-houſe for the Cambricks, and lent in like manner to ſaid De Joncourts, with Ciſterns in the plan by them given in, not exceeding the value of 7l 4s. the ſaid ſeveral ſums amounting in the whole to 61l. Lord Limerick having propoſed to compleat the houſes and conveniencies for their working in the Bleach-yard to be made for this purpoſe; and if their undertaking be not brought to perfection in one year, from the day the Coppers are ſet, the ſaid Meſſ. De Joncourts to forfeit the value, or be diſcharged from their ſalary.

Applications having been made to the Board for Looms and Wheels, for the County of Limerick, by a ſociety of gentlemen formed in that County, to encourage the Linen Manufacture and other Arts therein, out of the proportion of the 2000l. granted by Parliament to the Provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught, for the year 1736;

RESOLVED, That on Recommendations of that Society, for particular things relating to the Manufacture, all reaſonable encouragement and regard will be given by this Board.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1736—37.

RESOLVED, That it will be for the ſervice of the Linen Manufacture, that a public Yarn market be kept in Dublin.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to examine what quantity of ground will be neceſſary for a Flax and Yarn market, that the ſaid Committee be impowered to enquire where ſuch ground can be had, and upon what terms.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ſt, 1736—37.

RESOLVED, That this Board will for the future give 5s. for each Spinning-wheel, perfectly made purſuant to their orders, and that all perſons who receive orders for Wheels be acquainted therewith, as alſo the Wheelwrights in Dublin, who are uſually employed by the Board.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not purchaſe any New-England Flax-ſeed, the Board being informed that it does not anſwer well in this Country.

Benjamin Everard, Eſq; having made an offer of giving ſome ground near the Linen-Hall, to be made over to this Board, for the uſe of the public in Fee,

RESOLVED, That this Board do accept of the ſaid offer, and that William Burgh, Thomas Forteſcue, and Robert Roſs, Eſqrs; be a Committee appointed to ſee proper Conveyances drawn and perfected for that purpoſe, and that they return Mr. Everard the thanks of this Board.

RESOLVED, That an Advertiſement be publiſhed to require the Weavers to obey the Act of Parliament, made to oblige them to ſtamp their names at one end of every piece of Cloth they weave, reciting the penalties in the Act, and the ſame is as follows:

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Whereas by an Act of Parliament made for the further improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, in the firſt year of his preſent Majeſty King George, it is enacted, that every Weaver ſhall from and after the 1ſt day of November, then next, ſtamp his Name in legible Characters with Oil and Lampblack, on one end of any piece of green Cloth, He, his Journeyman or Apprentice ſhall weave or work, under the penalty of 5s. for every ſuch piece of Cloth not ſo ſtamped as aforeſaid; and any perſon or perſons who ſhall after the time aforeſaid, expoſe to ſale any green Cloth without ſuch Weaver's name, ſhall for every piece of ſuch Cloth, forfeit the ſum of 1s.

The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture being informed, that in many places this practice deſigned to prevent Frauds in weaving, and to oblige the Weavers to work fairly and honeſtly, is not duly obſerved, do hereby give notice, that all perſons neglecting to do their duty therein, ſhall be proſecuted according to Law.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1736—37.

ORDERED, That a Board be ſummoned to meet at the Linen- Hall, on Tueſday next, at eleven o'clock, to conſider of the propereſt ground whereon to erect a Yarn and Flax market, and that all the propoſals lying before the Board be carried thither, and that particular mention be made in the Notices.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15th, 1736—37.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that there is ground ſufficient near the Linen-Hall, both for a Yarn market, and a Flax market.

RESOLVED, That it appears that the ground near the Linen-Hall, is the moſt proper and convenient for the ſaid Markets.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to treat for ſuch ground contiguous to the ſaid Hall, as ſhall be proper and convenient for thoſe purpoſes, and report upon what terms it may be obtained, and that the ſaid Committee conſiſt of the gentlemen who meet at the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th, 1736—37.

ORDERED, That the Advertiſement offering a reward for diſcovering Bleachers who make uſe of Lime, be referred to next Wedneſday's Committee, at the Linen-Hall.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, March 18th, 1736—37.

Ordered, That the Bonds for performance of William Riggs duty as a Porter of the Linen-Hall, be delivered to him, he having given up the ſaid employment without any complaint againſt him.

FRIDAY, March 25th, 1737.

An Advertiſement being laid before the Board and read, was agreed to, and is as follows:

Advertisement.

Whereas the evil practice of uſing Lime in the bleaching of Linen-cloth and Yarn, has by due care, and the infliction of legal penalties, been diſcountenanced and ſuppreſſed, but may poſſibly, through the avarice and fraud of particular perſons, be again attempted; the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, in order to prevent ſuch evil practice at any time hereafter, do hereby promiſe a reward of 20l. over and above the forfeitures allowed by Act of Parliament, to any perſon who ſhall diſcover the uſing of Lime, in the bleaching of Linen-Cloth and Yarn within this Kingdom, ſo that the perſon offending may be legally convicted thereof; and they do promiſe not to make known the perſon ſo diſcovering, if the fact can be proved to conviction without his evidence; to which end, they deſire, that ſuch diſcoverer may privately give his information to ſuch one of the Truſtees as he ſhall judge moſt convenient for that purpoſe.

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In a pound of Whitened Yarn.		Hundreds in the Reed.		Hanks in the Score		Hanks in the Yard.			Threads in one Inch.	Value of Flax.		Value of Hanks.		Value of Yarn to a Score.			Weaving per Yard.		Rates of Linen Cloth.		
Hanks	Cuts	100ds.	½	H.	C.	H.	C.	¼rs		S.	P.	Pence.	½	L.	S.	D.	S.	D.	L.	S.	D.
0	8	6		15	—	0	9	¼	33	—	—	—			6	3	—	1½	—	11	—
0	9	6	½	16	3	0	9	¾	36	—	2	5			6	9¼	—	—	—	—	—
0	11	7		17	6	0	10	2	38	—	—	—			7	3½	—	—	—	—	—
1	0	7	½	18	9	0	11	1	41	—	—	—			7	9¾	—	—	—	—	—
1	2	8		20	—	1	0	0	44	—	—	—			8	4	—	2	—	17	—
1	4	8	½	21	3	1	0	3	47	—	3	5	½		9	8¾	—	—	—	—	—
1	6	9		22	6	1	1	2	50	—	—	—			10	3¾	—	—	—	—	—
1	8	9	½	23	9	1	2	1	52	—	—	—			10	10½	—	—	—	—	—
1	10	10		25	—	1	3	0	55	—	—	—			11	5½	—	2½	1	—	—
2	0	10	½	26	3	1	3	3	58	—	—	—			12	1¼	—	—	—	—	—
2	3	11		27	6	1	4	2	61	—	4	6			13	9	—	3¼	1	2	6
2	6	11	½	28	9	1	5	1	63	—	—	—			14	4½	—	—	—	—	—
2	8	12		30	—	1	6	0	66	—	—	—			15	—	—	4	1	5	—
2	11	12	½	31	3	1	6	3	69	—	—	—			15	7½	—	—	—	—	—
3	2	13		32	6	1	7	2	72	—	—	—			16	3	—	5	1	8	4
3	5	13	½	33	9	1	8	1	75	—	6½	6	½		18	3¼	—	—	—	—	—
3	8	14		35	—	1	9	0	77	—	—	—			18	11½	—	6	1	13	4
3	11	14	½	36	3	1	9	3	80	—	—	—			19	7½	—	—	—	—	—
4	2	15		37	6	1	10	2	83	—	10	7		1	1	10½	—	7	2	—	—
4	5	15	½	38	9	1	11	1	86	—	—	—		1	2	7½	—	—	—	—	—
4	9	16		40	—	2	0	0	88	—	—	—		1	3	4	—	8	2	8	—
5	1	16	½	41	3	2	0	3	90	1	3	7	½	1	5	9¼	—	—	—	—	—
5	5	17		42	6	2	1	2	94	—	—	—		1	6	6¾	—	9½	2	16	—
5	9	17	½	43	9	2	2	1	97	—	—	8	½	1	10	11¾	—	—	—	—	—
6	1	18		45	—	2	3	0	100	—	—	—		1	11	10½	—	11	3	5	—
6	9	19		47	6	2	4	2	105	1	6	10		1	19	7	1	1	3	15	—
7	5	20		50	—	2	6	0	111	—	—	—		2	1	8	1	3	4	5	—
8	2	21		52	6	2	7	2	117	—	—	11	½	2	10	3¾	1	5½	4	15	—
9	0	22		55	—	2	9	0	122	2	—	—		2	12	8½	1	8	5	5	—
9	10	23		57	6	2	10	2	127	—	—	12		2	17	6	1	10	5	15	—
10	9	24		60	—	3	0	0	133	—	—	—		3	—	—	2	—	6	10	—
11	9	25		62	6	3	1	2	138	2	2	13		3	7	8½	2	2	6	17	—
12	10	26		65	—	3	3	0	144	—	—	—		3	10	5	2	4	7	5	—
13	11	27		67	6	3	4	2	150	—	—	14	½	4	1	6¾	2	6	7	18	—
15	0	28		70	—	3	6	0	155	2	6	16	—	4	13	4	2	8	8	13	—
16	2	29		72	6	3	7	2	161	—	—	—	—	4	16	8	2	10	9	4	—
17	4	30		75	—	3	9	0	167	2	8½	18	—	5	12	6	3	—	10	—	—

DUTIES and GRANTS appropriated for the Service of the LINEN and HEMPEN MANUFACTURES, from the first Institution of the present LINEN BOARD to *Lady-day*, 1737.

		Duties.			Drawbacks.			Nett Receipt.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Years ending 25th March,	1711	2153	7	4	143	19	10	2009	7	6
	1712	1383	19	3¾	30	1	10	1353	17	5¾
	1713	1914	14	10½	91	6	3	1823	8	7½
	1714	1999	19	1½	335	12	9	1664	6	4½
	1715	1810	8	0	107	1	8½	1703	6	3½
	1716	2016	12	0	405	3	1	1611	8	11
	1717	2469	2	4	284	12	4	2184	10	0
	1718	2185	12	1¾	591	18	9	1593	13	4¾
	1719	2767	11	11½	211	5	10	2556	6	1½
	1720	3067	17	10¼	89	1	11	2978	15	11¼
	1721	2139	10	1	61	16	10	2077	13	3
	1722	4135	5	2	48	10	11	4086	14	3
	1723	4958	0	9½	42	7	3	4915	13	6½
	1724	4471	15	0	19	10	11	4452	4	1
	1725	4096	17	11	33	13	6	4063	4	5
	1726	5446	17	7	55	5	1	5391	12	6
	1727	5060	3	7	70	12	5	4989	11	2
	1728	3989	4	10	69	2	3	3920	2	7
	1729	8310	9	6	31	8	4	8279	1	2
	1730	7302	7	3	76	19	8	7225	7	7
	1731	5608	4	2½	79	2	3	5529	1	11½
	1732	6368	18	2¼	39	4	6	6329	13	8¼
	1733	5776	19	9	140	17	2	5636	2	7
	1734	5341	1	5	26	5	6	5314	15	11
	1735	6749	16	9	1	1	7	6748	15	2
	1736	9198	17	6	17	14	2	9181	3	4
	1737	8687	18	2	11	16	9	8676	1	5
		119411	12	7½	3115	13	4½	116295	19	3
Granted	On the King's Letter, dated November 8th, 1718,	—			—			2000	0	0
	By the 8 Geo. I. for Payment of Debts,	—			—			1060	0	0
	By the 8 and 10 Geo. I. towards building a Linen-Hall,	—						3000	0	0
	By Do. and by several subsequent Statutes for promoting a Supply of Hemp and Flax in this Kingdom,	—			—			28000	0	0
	By 7 Geo. II. and by several subsequent Statutes, to encourage the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures in the Provinces of Leinster, Munster and Connaught,							8000	0	0
	Total Duties and Aids,	—			—			£158355	19	3

WARRANTS drawn on the **TREASURY**, from the Inſtitution of the preſent **LINEN BOARD**, to *Lady-day*, 1737.

		Groſs.			Pells and Poundage.			Nett.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From the Commencement to the 30th Oct.	1712	2123	7	0	63	14	0	2059	13	0
From thence to the 26th January,	1714	2406	3	6	72	3	8	2333	19	10
From thence to 30th March,	1717	4565	15	8¾	136	19	5¼	4428	16	3¼
Years ending 25th March,	1718	3482	1	5½	104	9	2¼	3377	12	2¾
	1719	3715	2	11	111	9	1	3603	13	10
	1720	4602	12	0¼	138	1	6¾	4464	10	5½
	1721	4115	13	8½	123	9	4¾	3992	4	3¾
	1722	3771	4	3	113	2	8½	3658	1	6½
	1723	5619	5	10¼	168	11	6¾	5450	14	3½
	1724	6613	8	4½	198	8	0½	6415	0	4
	1725	5921	6	8	177	12	10½	5743	13	9½
	1726	6713	3	0	201	7	8½	6511	15	3½
	1727	5481	13	2¼	164	8	10¼	5317	4	4
	1728	6701	0	7	201	0	7	6500	0	0
	1729	6701	0	7	201	0	7	6500	0	0
	1730	9793	16	3	293	16	3	9500	0	0
	1731	10824	14	9½	324	14	9½	10500	0	0
	1732	13711	6	8¾	411	6	8¾	13300	0	0
	1733	5665	8	11½	169	19	3½	5495	9	8
	1734	3814	8	7½	114	8	7½	3700	0	0
	1735	8762	17	8¼	262	17	8¼	8500	0	0
	1736	13618	17	0¾	408	11	2¾	13210	5	10
	1737	14269	11	8	428	1	9	13841	9	11
		152994	0	7¼	4589	15	8	148404	4	11¾
The Secretary received	From the Remembrancers in the Exchequer, on Account of Wool Forfeitures applicable to the Linen Manufacture,	—			—			820	7	1½
	From Roth Jones, James Bradſhaw, and James Stevenſon, by three ſeveral Payments,	—			—			224	7	3
	By an accidental Payment,	—			—			0	14	2
	By ſundry Premiums on Hemp and Flax-ſeed, and for Hemp and Flax ſold, —							1070	14	11½
	Total Payments made to the Truſtees, —							£150520	8	5¼

DISBURSEMENTS, made by the TRUSTEES of the LINEN and HEMPEN MANUFACTURES, under the following Heads,

From the first Institution of the present Board to the 25th of *March* 1737.

Years ending 25 March.	SALARIES.															BOUNTIES and GRANTS.												Law Expences.			Tradesmen and Artificers.			Incidents.			Totals.		
	Clerks and Servants attending the Linen Board, the Linen Hall, &c.			Itinerant Men and Inspectors.			Flax-dressers.			Bleachers.			Flax and Flax-seed Imported.			Occasional salaries and services, rent, &c.			Premium for Flax and Flax-seed, &c.			Manufacturers and Contractors.			Flax-shops.			Spinning-schools.			Utensils.												
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
1712	24	5	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	873	—	—	194	—	—	—	—	—	19	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	16	—	1229	9	—
1713	99	9	—	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	854	12	4	45	—	—	—	—	—	280	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1439	1	4
1714	125	—	—	320	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	577	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1122	—	—
1715	90	17	10	319	14	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	237	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	728	2	6
1716	75	—	—	240	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	19	11	8	—	—	—	—	—	890	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	234	12	—	1568	6	5
1717	125	—	—	320	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	1220	5	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	223	18	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	—	—	2623	—	—
1718	267	10	—	310	—	—	20	—	—	60	—	—	567	1	4	45	—	—	19	2	—	923	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	15	—	3494	12	—
1719	112	10	—	282	2	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	838	10	10	82	3	9	307	4	—	436	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	321	13	5½	3603	13	9½
1720	294	18	—	299	18	4¼	5	—	—	50	—	—	856	4	—	282	19	6	502	—	6	468	15	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	700	6	10	4464	10	3½
1721	150	—	—	148	4	10½	107	3	6	55	—	—	889	12	—	524	—	3	238	14	—	912	14	3¼	16	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	13	7	3992	4	3¼
1722	75	—	—	140	1	2	34	—	—	—	—	—	1048	3	—	218	3	2	—	—	—	903	13	4¾	15	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	17	7	3658	1	5
1723	150	—	—	319	15	9	14	—	—	29	18	9	1263	2	10	665	5	—	400	7	5	443	14	10	53	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	10	4	5450	14	3½
1724	150	—	—	380	19	4	67	—	—	200	—	—	1363	17	3	160	5	5	207	—	—	1675	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	4	9	6415	—	5
1725	289	6	10½	283	15	—	20	—	—	186	2	6	1631	5	10	217	10	—	166	8	3½	570	13	8	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	447	1	8	5743	13	10½
1726	275	—	—	297	15	8	69	—	—	50	—	—	1735	18	9	70	—	—	755	10	—	882	12	7	88	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	8	10	6511	15	3½
1727	294	—	—	287	10	9	18	15	—	145	17	—	1896	2	4	74	19	6	509	14	—	717	14	3½	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	8	4	5093	5	4½
1728	302	—	—	263	9	9	15	—	—	240	—	—	1499	17	6½	238	11	7	86	4	8	805	14	3	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	11	1	5876	19	1½
1729	331	1	8½	308	4	10	18	—	—	120	—	—	3114	3	—¾	127	13	6	223	4	11½	586	15	6½	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	5	11½	6925	16	11
1730	375	—	—	307	10	—	20	—	—	10	—	—	3137	16	11½	206	6	7	284	4	—	332	—	11¼	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	229	12	1¼½	8257	—	4
1731	404	—	—	354	17	10	—	—	—	55	—	—	7191	1	11¼	340	4	5	65	16	—	360	15	11¾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128	8	4½	12535	15	2
1732	404	15	—	251	8	—	5	—	—	72	19	6	10986	7	1¼	107	19	1½	238	16	—	138	3	6½	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	193	10	4½	13872	10	11½
1733	407	—	—	127	9	11	14	—	—	15	—	—	4276	8	5	94	5	6	214	12	—	77	8	2¼	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	9	2½	5412	16	7½
1734	387	—	—	137	10	—	7	10	—	30	—	—	138	—	—	53	—	—	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117	15	8¾	3642	3	8
1735	428	—	—	110	—	—	25	—	—	70	—	—	1038	8	3	81	1	1	2271	9	6½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	285	18	8½	9190	3	9
1736	399	—	—	112	—	—	20	—	—	95	—	—	8514	11	6	206	—	—	6166	7	5¾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	432	0	2¾	13003	7	10
1737	379	—	—	75	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	9901	7	1	332	11	8½	2235	14	8	—	—	—	54	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	351	7	7½	4475	2	1
Total DISBURSEMENTS																																					150329	6	10

An Account of the Balance of the LINEN BOARD, on the 25th MARCH, 1737.

		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s*	*d.*
Groſs Produce of the Linen Funds,	-	158355	19	3			
Groſs Payments made at the Treaſury,	-	152994	0	7¼			
Balance due from the Treaſury,	-				536	18	7¾
The Secretary { Received	-	150520	8	5¼			
The Secretary { Paid	-	150329	6	10¾			
Balance due by the Secretary,	-				191	1	6½
Total Balance,	-				5553	0	2¼

AN

ABRIDGMENT

OF THE

IRISH AND ENGLISH STATUTES,

RELATING TO THE

LINEN MANUFACTURE OF IRELAND,

TO THE NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE II. INCLUSIVE.

ENGLISH STATUTES.

7 & 8 Gul. 3. c. 39.

No. 1. THE natives of England or Ireland, may import into England, directly from Ireland, any Hemp, Flax, Thread, Yarn and Linen, of the growth and Manufacture of Ireland, cuſtom free, on proof that ſaid goods are of the growth and manufacture of that Kingdom.

No. 2. Engliſh Sail-cloth, upon proof by oath of its being made in this Kingdom, ſhall be exported free, whether it be in piece or bolt, or made in ſails.

10 & 11 Gul. 3. cap. 10.

No. 3. No perſon ſhall export out of Ireland into foreign parts, except England, Wool, Woolfells, Shortlings, &c. or any Manufactures made of, or mixed with Wool, on pain of forfeiting the ſame, and 500l. as alſo the ſhip, veſſel, tackle, furniture, &c.

No. 4. Any perſon or perſons whatever, knowing ſuch offence, and wittingly aiding and aſſiſting therein, ſhall forfeit 40l. of which one moiety ſhall be to him or them that ſhall ſue for the ſame, by bill, plaint, or information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record in England or Ireland; and the other moiety thereof, to the encouragement of ſetting up the Linen Manufacture in Ireland, to be diſpoſed of by the Court of Exchequer there for that uſe only.

Ann ſtat. 2. cap. 8.

No. 5. All Hemp or Flax, and the production thereof, as Thread, Yarn and Linen, imported directly from Ireland, by natives of England or Ireland, being of the growth and manufacture of Ireland, upon producing certificates, and making oath, as by ſtat. 7. W. 3. ſhall be free from the additional ſubſidy of poundage, and all other duties whatſoever.

Stat. 3 Ann. cap. 8.

No. 6. Natives of England or Ireland, may export any white or brown Linen-cloth, of the manufacture of Ireland, in Engliſh built ſhipping; and the ſame to tranſport into any of the plantations, the Act 15 Car. 2 cap. 7. notwithſtanding.

No. 7 Provided that no ſhip coming to the Plantations from Ireland, ſhall break bulk, until the maſter ſhall have made known to the governor, &c. the arrival of the ſaid ſhip, and ſhall have delivered a true inventory of the lading, together with a certificate from the chief officer of the port in Ireland, and of two perſons who ſhall have made oath before ſuch chief officer, that the ſaid Linens are, *bona fide*, of the manufacture of Ireland.

No. 8. And until the maſter ſhall have made oath before ſuch governor or officer, that the ſaid goods are the ſame that he took on board, by virtue of ſuch certificate.

No. 9. Any Linen goods not laden in England, nor of the manufacture of Ireland, ſhall be found, ſuch ſhip ſhall be forfeited, together with all goods imported or found in ſuch ſhip.

No. 10. All ſhips coming from Ireland to any ſuch Plantation, ſhall be ſubject to the ſame rules to which ſhips coming from England are ſubject.

No. 11. Any perſon for any ſeizure made in purſuance of this act, may plead the general iſſue, and ſhall have double coſts.

No. 12. All informations and ſuits for any offence againſt this Act, ſhall be commenced within twelve months after the diſcovery of ſuch offence.

No. 13. If any ſhip laden with goods in England of the Plantations, ſhall put into any port in Ireland, and ſhall there take in any white or brown Iriſh Linen, the like certificate and oaths ſhall be made, that the ſaid Linen is of the manufacture of Ireland, as is before directed.

11 Anne, ſeſſ. 1. cap. 16.

No. 14. Canvas of the growth and manufacture of Ireland, not liable to the further duty of 1d. per ell, impoſed on Sail-cloth imported into Great-Britain.

3 Geo. 1. cap. 21.

No. 15. The Act 3 and 4 Anne, cap. 8. to permit the exportation of Iriſh Linen Cloths to the Plantations, &c. ſo far as the ſame relates to the exportation of Iriſh Linen Cloths to the Britiſh Plantations, ſhall continue in force ſo long as the merchants, &c. of Great-Britain, are permitted to import into Ireland, free of duties, white and brown Britiſh Linen Cloth, made in Great-Britain.

No. 16. All Linens made in Ireland, and imported into England, may be ſhipped off for any of His Majeſty's Plantations in America, without paying any duty.

No. 17. The moiety of the penalties and forfeitures in 10 & 11 Gul. which was given to the uſe of the Linen Manufacture in Ireland, (after a deduction thereout of the charges of proſecution, &c.) is given to the king.

4 Geo. 2. cap. 27.

No. 18. Rough or undreſſed Flax may be imported into this Kingdom duty free, ſo as it be imported according to the rules in 12 Car 2. for encouraging ſhipping; but if the ſaid directions are not purſued, it ſhall be liable to duty.

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11 Eliz. ſeſſ. 3. cap 5.

No. 19. NONE to lay any Hemp or Flax, or Hides, with Lime in them, in any freſh running water, on pain of forfeiting the ſame, or treble value; this Act to be proclaimed quarterly in every market, and at every Aſſizes and Seſſions, not to prejudice Lords having liberties.

2 Anne, ſeſſ. 2

No. 20. No toll during this Act, ſhall be payable for any Hemp or Flax ſold in any Market or Fair, or the paſſage

paſſage of them over any bridge, or through any place.

No. 21. After the 1ſt day of May, 1706, there ſhall be paid half the tythe of Hemp or Flax, or the twentieth part thereof for three years.

2 Anne, ſeſſ. 2. c. 4.

No. 22. No perſon ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale, any Linen Yarn made in this Kingdom, other than in hanks or dozens, each hank or dozen conſiſting of twelve cuts, and no more, and each cut containing one hundred and twenty threads and no more.

No. 23. All Yarn contained in the ſaid hank or dozen, ſhall be Flaxen-Yarn only, or Tow-Yarn only, of the ſame colour and fineneſs; and that no Tow-Yarn ſhall be intermixed with the ſaid Flaxen-Yarn.

No. 24. Each hank or dozen ſhall be of one yard and a quarter in length, and no more; and each cut ſhall be ſeparated as the ſame ſhall be reeled, and not afterwards; and in the reeling the ſaid Linen-Yarn, no perſon ſhall reel more than one thread at a time; and the ſtandard Reel of this Kingdom, ſhall be two yards and a half in circumference.

No. 25. Any perſon who ſhall expoſe to ſale any Flaxen or Hempen-Yarn, in other manner than as aforeſaid, and be convicted thereof, as hereafter is mentioned, ſhall forfeit the whole hank in which any cuts ſhall be falſely made up, to him who ſhall inform and proſecute the ſame with effect.

No. 26. No Linen-Cloth made in this Kingdom ſhall be expoſed to ſale, that ſhall not be half an Engliſh ell, or twenty-two inches and a half in breadth at leaſt; and that no Linen-Cloth ſhall be exported, that ſhall not contain half an Engliſh ell, or twenty-two inches and a half in breadth at leaſt, and twenty yards in length at leaſt, except Linen-Cloth made, or to be made, in imitation of Kenting, Cambrick, Baptiſt or Lawns.

No. 27. No piece of Diaper, conſiſting of three quarters of a yard, or twenty-ſeven inches in breadth, and under one yard, or thirty-ſix inches in breadth, ſhall contain leſs than twenty-ſix yards in length at leaſt: each piece of Diaper, containing one yard and a half in breadth, or upwards, ſhall contain twelve yards in length at leaſt.

No. 28. Each piece of narrow Bed-Tick ſhall contain twenty inches in breadth, and fifteen yards in length at leaſt; and each piece of broad Bed-Tick, which ſhall be ſix quarters or above in breadth, ſhall contain ſix yards in length at leaſt.

No. 29. Every piece of Canvas or Sail-cloth, ſhall contain thirty-ſix yards in length at leaſt.

No. 30. All Linen-Cloth whatſoever, expoſed to ſale and rolled up, ſhall be tied at both ends, and not ſtitched up; and every perſon offending contrary to this Act, ſhall forfeit to the informer the ſaid piece of Cloth or Linen-Yarn, made or expoſed to ſale contrary to this Act.

No. 31. Juſtices of Peace, &c. have power to hear and determine ſaid forfeitures and offences, by ſummoning the parties, &c. the general iſſue may be pleaded by perſons ſued for executing this Act. Proſecution on offences to be in thirty days.

No. 32. No duty ſhall be paid for the exporting any Flaxen or Hempen Cloth, made or manufactured in this Kingdom.

No. 33. Every Linen-Weaver, being a Proteſtant, having ſerved his apprenticeſhip to the ſaid trade for five years, ſhall be exempted from pariſh duties for ſeven years, and ſhall be alſo a freeman of the city or town corporate wherein he ſhall ſet up his trade, during his reſidence; and ſhall be alſo exempted from ſerving on juries at aſſizes or ſeſſions.

No. 34. No ſuch Proteſtant Weaver ſhall be entitled to the aforeſaid privileges, unleſs he ſhall have ſerved five years apprenticeſhip to the ſaid trade, and worked two years after at the ſame as a journeyman, except ſuch as ſhall be actually maſter-workmen, or have paſſed their times of apprenticeſhip before the commencement of this Act.

35. The like privileges ſhall extend to all foreigners, maſter-workmen, being Proteſtants, as now are, or ſhall hereafter come into this Kingdom, and ſet up Looms and work at the Linen Trade.

No. 36. No toll ſhall be paid for any Linen-Cloth, Yarn, Hemp or Flax, ſold in any Market or Fair, or the paſſage of them over any bridge, or through any place whatſoever.

No. 37. Every Dealer and Weaver in the Linen Manufacture, may weave his name, or fix ſome known mark to any piece of Linen, if he ſhall ſo think fit.

No. 38. If any perſon ſhall counterfeit the ſaid mark or name, and being convicted thereof, he ſhall forfeit 10l. one moiety thereof to the informer, and the other to the poor of the pariſh where ſuch offence ſhall be committed.

No. 39. No perſon ſhall uſe any Lime in whitening or bleaching any Linen-cloth, or Linen-yarn, the offender to forfeit 5l. and the Cloth or Yarn ſo whitened with Lime, to the informer.

No. 40. All Linen-cloth ſold in this Kingdom, ſhall be meaſured by the yard, containing thirty-ſix inches, except fine Linen-cloth made in imitation of Holland, which ſhall be meaſured and ſold by the ell, containing forty-five inches.

6 Anne, cap. 9.

No. 41. A ſchool for teaching children the art of ſpinning Hemp and Flax, or one of them, ſhall be kept in every place where any work-houſe is, as is appointed by this Act.

No. 42. The ſum of 10l. ſhall be paid to ſuch perſon ſo teaching ſchool for the firſt year, whereof 5l. ſhall be laid out in Spinning-wheels and Reels, to be employed in every ſuch ſchool, and 6l. per annum after the ſaid firſt year; the perſons ſo teaching ſchool, providing Hemp and Flax at their own coſt, to have the benefit of all Yarn ſo ſpun in ſuch ſchool.

No. 43. Whoever ſhall take toll or cuſtom for any Hemp or Flax, ſhall forfeit 10l. for every ſuch offence, recoverable by civil bill.

No. 44. From the 24th of December, 1707, during nine years, every perſon who ſhall cauſe to be made any Kelp of Seawreck, ſhall receive as a reward, the ſum of 2s. 6d. for every ton of Kelp made in any county of this Kingdom; and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer quantity.

No. 45. The Grand Jury at the Aſſizes ſhall applot the ſaid ſum of 2s. 6d. per ton, and ſo rateably, upon the inhabitants of the ſaid county, in ſuch manner as other public taxes are uſually applotted.

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No. 46. There ſhall be paid for any one entry of Linen-cloth to be exported, containing leſs than fifty-eight pieces, 1d. for each piece, and no more; and for any one entry containing fifty-eight pieces or upwards, the ſum of 4s. 10d. and no more; nor more than 6d. for any certificate: if any officer ſhall demand or receive any greater fee than as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit his employment, &c.

No. 47 Every hank of Linen-yarn ſhall conſiſt of twelve cuts, each cut ſhall be ſubdivided into ſix loops, and every loop ſhall contain twenty threads.

No. 48. No Maſter-weaver, or other perſon, ſhall entertain any Journeyman Linen-weaver, unleſs ſuch Journeyman ſhall firſt produce to the perſon hiring him, a certificate in writing, of his being diſcharged from his former Maſter's ſervice, by conſent of ſuch Maſter; and if any Maſter, without juſt cauſe, ſhall refuſe to give ſuch certificate, any Juſtice or Magiſtrate may, upon proper enquiry, give a certificate of ſuch cauſeleſs refuſal, which ſhall be ſufficient.

No. 49. Any Journeyman counterfeiting, or producing a counterfeited certificate, under the hand of any Maſter, Juſtice or Magiſtrate, ſhall be committed to the houſe of correction, and there kept ſix months to hard labour.

No. 50. if any Maſter ſhall take into his ſervice any Journeyman, without ſuch certificate, and being convicted thereof, he ſhall forfeit forty ſhillings.

No. 51. Any Linen-Cloth or Yarn, expoſed to ſale, not made according to the intent of the 2 Anne, and this ſtatute, may be ſeized and carried before the next Juſtice of Peace, who ſhall hear and determine ſaid matter; and if the ſaid Juſtice or Magiſtrate, ſhall find ſuch Yarn or Cloth faulty and inſufficient, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, and the property thereof veſted in the informer.

No. 52. But if ſuch Yarn or Cloth ſhall be found to be made according to law, provided ſuch Yarn or Cloth ſo ſeized ſhall be reſtored to the owner, the informer ſhall forfeit to the owner treble the damages.

8 *Anne, cap.* 12.

No. 53. If any perſon whatſoever, being a native of this Kingdom, not having ſerved his apprenticeſhip to the trade of weaving Flaxen-cloth, for five years, and weaving Sail-cloth for two years, and not having wrought at the Flaxen-trade as a journeyman for two years, ſhall ſet up for himſelf, and keep a Loom, and work at the ſame as a Weaver of Linen-cloth, he ſhall for every ſuch offence forfeit 2l. 10s. and if no diſtreſs can be found, ſuch offender ſhall be committed to the houſe of correction for a month.

No. 54. If any perſon ſhall be proſecuted by indictment, or otherwiſe impleaded for what he hath done, or ſhall do, in purſuance of this or the ſaid former Acts, ſuch perſon may plead the general iſſue; the ſaid action or indictment ſhall be tried in the proper county where the cauſe of action did ariſe, or fact committed.

9 *Anne, c.* 3.

No. 55. A duty of 1s. 6d. per yard, for every yard of white, painted and ſtained Callicoes, and 6d. per yard for every yard of any ſort of Linen, to be paid on importation into this Kingdom; which ſeveral duties ſhall be applied to the uſe of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and no other.

No. 56. The Chief Governor of this Kingdom, may appoint certain Truſtees for the management of the ſaid duties, to conſiſt of an equal number of perſons out of each of the four Provinces.

No. 57. The Truſtees, or the major part of them, may, as often as they ſhall think fit, meet to adjuſt ſuch matters as may be moſt reaſonable to the eſtabliſhing the ſaid Manufactures, and for preventing all abuſes that may happen in the ſame.

No. 58. And they, or the major part of them, may annually apply one moiety of the money ariſing from the ſaid duties, to the advancement of the Hempen Manufacture; and the other moiety to the improvement and encouragement of the Flaxen Manufacture.

No. 59. They or the major part of them, may appoint a Clerk, Door-keeper, and other neceſſary Servants to attend them; and direct proper ſalaries for them, not exceeding in the whole 100l. per annum, to be paid out of the ſaid duties.

No. 60. And the ſaid Truſtees, or the major part of them, not being under ſeven in number, may enter into any contract with any perſon they ſhall judge proper, for the carrying on the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

No. 61. Every Weaver ſhall be obliged, on the penalty of 5s. at the end of every piece of Cloth he ſhall weave, (except Diapers, Damaſks and Huckabacks) to run a very coarſe thread, coloured with black and oil, through every two hundred threads of the warp, ſo as to diſtinguiſh the number of hundreds of threads in the breadth of ſaid Cloth; and alſo another thread, to diſtinguiſh the number of beers or ſcores of threads in the breadth of ſaid Cloth.

No. 62. If any Weaver ſhall ſo mark his Cloth as aforeſaid, to make them appear contrary than really they are, he ſhall forfeit 1l.

No. 63. If any Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, ſhall refuſe or neglect to execute the ſtat. 2 Ann. c. 4. or in the execution thereof, ſhall fail of purſuing the intent of the ſaid ſtatute, the party aggrieved may appeal to the next going judge of Aſſize.

No. 64 And if ſuch Juſtice of Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, do appear on ſuch examination evidently to have neglected, or otherwiſe abuſed his authority in that behalf, ſuch Judge of Aſſize may impoſe a fine not exceeding 5l. to go to the informer.

No. 65. Every piece of Linen-cloth, containing one yard and a quarter in breadth, and at leaſt twenty-four yards in length, ſhall be called *Ulſters*.

No. 66. Every piece containing one yard and half quarter in breadth, and at leaſt twenty-four yards in length, ſhall be called *Lurgans*.

No. 67. Every piece containing one yard in breadth, and at leaſt twenty yards in length, ſhall be called *Liſburns*.

No. 68. Every piece containing three quarters and half in breadth, and at leaſt twenty yards in length, ſhall be called *Coleraines*.

No. 69. Every piece containing three quarters and a nail in breadth, and at leaſt twenty yards in length, ſhall be called *Antrims*.

No. 70. Every piece containing three quarters in breadth, and at leaſt twenty yards in length, ſhall be called *Dungannons*.

No. 71. Every piece containing half a yard and half quarter in breadth, and at leaſt thirty yards in length, ſhall be called *Munſters*.

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No. 72. Every expoſer to ſale of any Cloth, under any of the ſaid denominations, ſhall make on a parchment label, appending to the ſaid Cloth, the name thereof, and the number of yards and breadth thereof, for which he ſhall be anſwerable; as alſo the length and breadth of every piece of Diaper and Canvas, of the ſeveral ſorts mentioned in 6 Ann. c. 9.

2 *Geo.* 1. *cap.* 13.

No. 73. The premium of 5s. for every hogſhead given by 6 Anne, and continued by 8 Anne, continued for twenty-one years.

No. 74. The Truſtees, or any five of them, ſhall adminiſter the following oath to ſuch Itinerant Flax and Hempmen, as they ſhall employ:

"*I A. B. do ſwear, that I will well and truly execute the office of an Itinerant Man, Flax or Hemp-man, according to the beſt of my ſkill and knowledge; that I will obey all lawful commands and directions which I ſhall receive from the Truſtees appointed for the improvement of the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures; and will make juſt and true returns of my proceedings, and of ſuch things as ſhall be given me in charge by the ſaid Truſtees, relating to the ſaid Manufactures, according to the beſt of my knowledge and information, without fear, favour or affection. So help me God.*"

No. 75. The exporter of any Sail-cloth to any part beyond the ſeas, at any time within ten years next after the 24th of December, 1716, ſhall receive a premium for every yard of Sail-cloth made of good Hemp, of 10d. per yard value, and under 1s. 2d. the ſum of 2d.

No. 76. And for every yard of Main-ſail or coarſe Canvas, made in imitation of Holland Duck, of the value of 1s. 2d. per yard, or upwards, the ſum of 4d.

No. 77. And after the expiration of the ſaid term of ten years, from thence during the term of eleven years, the exporter of ſuch Sail-cloth ſhall receive as a premium for every yard of ſuch Sail-cloth, of 10d. per yard value and under 1s. 2d. the ſum of 1d.

No. 78. And for every yard of Main-ſail or coarſe Canvas, made in imitation of Holland Duck, of the value of 1s. 2d. per yard, or upwards, the ſum of 2d.

No. 79. To be paid as drawbacks are uſually paid, the value of ſuch Cloth, to be certified on oath of ſuch two indifferent perſons that can be got, the moſt experienced in the value of ſuch Cloth.

No. 80. The 2s. 6d. per ton, for every ton of Kelp made of Sea-wreck, continued for and during the term of ſeven years.

No. 81. If any perſon ſhall mix ſtones or ſand among Kelp, or ſhall expoſe to ſale any Kelp mixed with ſtones or ſand, ſuch perſon ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit to the informer a ſum not leſs than 5s. or more than 1l.

No. 82. All Flaxen-yarn exported beyond the ſeas, and not reeled and made up as all Yarn expoſed to ſale is directed by 2 Anne, ſeſſ. 2. cap. 4 ſhall pay one halfpenny for every pound of ſuch Yarn exported, for cuſtom, over and above what is already payable for the ſame.

No. 83 The additional rates and duties mentioned in 9 Anne, c. 3. continued and applied to the uſe of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and to be diſpoſed of by the Truſtees appointed purſuant to ſaid act.

No. 84. As often as any of the Truſtees appointed purſuant to the ſaid former Act, ſhall happen to die, the Chief Governor, &c. may appoint another perſon out of the ſame Province, for which ſuch perſon, now dead, or ſo dying, was formerly appointed to be a Truſtee.

No. 85. The ſaid Truſtees, or the major part of them, not being leſs than ſeven, may augment the yearly ſalary of their Clerks, Door-keeper, and other neceſſary ſervants, with any ſum not exceeding 50l. per annum.

No. 86. If any Weaver ſhall neglect to weave any Flaxen or Hempen-yarn delivered him, into Cloth, in ſuch time and manner as was agreed for, or ſhall embezzle or damage, or ſuffer to be embezzled or damaged, any Flaxen or Hempen-Yarn delivered to him, ſuch Weaver ſhall, for ſuch offence, forfeit and pay to the perſon aggrieved, a ſum not leſs than 2s. 6d. nor more than 1l.

No. 87. No perſon in making Twine, Ropes or Cordage, ſhall mix or cover any old Hemp or Hempen-yarn, within new Hemp; nor ſhall mix or work up any Flaxen-Tow or Hemp; or ſhall expoſe to ſale any Ropes, Twine or Cordage, made up of old and new Hemp, or of Hemp and Flaxen-Tow, under the penalty of ſuch Twine, Ropes or Cordage, being burned, the offender ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit a ſum not leſs than 2s. 6d. nor more than 1l. to the informer.

No. 88. The Juſtice or Chief Magiſtrate, may cut or untwiſt any rope for the diſcovery of the truth, at the coſt and peril of the informer, in caſe the complaint be found to be unjuſt.

No. 89 No Linen-cloth of the Manufacture of Scotland, hereafter to be imported into this Kingdom, ſhall pay the additional duty of 6d. per yard, impoſed on all Linen imported into this Kingdom, by the Act of 9 Anne, c 3. or by this Act, during the term therein and herein mentioned, provided that the perſon importing ſuch Cloth, do make oath that it is of the manufacture of ſome part of Great-Britain.

4 *Geo.* 1. *cap.* 6.

No. 90. All merchants and other perſons of Great-Britain, may import into this Kingdom, all white and brown Linen-cloth manufactured in Great-Britain, free from all duties whatſoever, during ſuch time as it ſhall continue lawful to export from this Kingdom, directly to the Britiſh Plantations, all ſorts of white and brown Linen-cloths manufactured in this Kingdom, on ſuch conditions as are appointed by ſtatute made in England, 3 and 4 Anne, c. 8. and no longer.

No. 91 All foreign Twine or Cordage, except what is the Manufacture of Great-Britain, imported into this Kingdom from the 25th of December, 1717, for ſeven years next enſuing, and to the end of the then next ſeſſion of Parliament, ſhall pay the duty of 5s. for every hundred weight, containing five ſcore and twelve pounds, over and above all other duties payable for the ſame.

No. 92. The Officers of the Revenue ſhall mark and ſtain, with the impreſſion of a Harp and Crown, of a red colour, or ſeal with ſuch Seal as the Commiſſioners of the Revenue ſhall direct, every piece of white, painted or ſtained Calicoes; and all Sail-cloth, Canvas, Hollands, Cambricks, Lawns, Kentings, and other foreign Linen imported into this Kingdom, after the 25th December, 1717, and ſhall keep a regiſtry thereof in a book for that purpoſe.

No 93. Every perſon dealing in ſuch goods, ſhall, on or before the time aforeſaid, cauſe all white, painted, or ſtained Calicoes, foreign Sail-cloth, &c and other foreign Linen in their cuſtody, or in the cuſtody of any perſon in truſt for him, to be marked and regiſtered as aforeſaid.

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No. 94. From the time aforeſaid, all ſuch goods imported, or found in the poſſeſſion of any perſon dealing in the ſame, or offered to ſale, and not marked as aforeſaid, are hereby declared to be forfeited; and every ſuch dealer who ſhall import or have in his cuſtody, or ſhall expoſe to ſale any ſuch goods, not being marked as aforeſaid, over and above the forfeitures of ſuch goods, he ſhall likewiſe forfeit 20l.

No. 95. If any perſon ſhall alter, counterfeit, or miſapply the ſaid Mark, Stain or Seal, or offer ſuch goods to ſale with any falſe Mark, and being convicted thereof, ſhall ſtand in the Pillory for two hours in the forenoon, and ſhall forfeit 50l. to ſuch perſon as ſhall ſue for the ſame.

No. 96. Any Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, may ſummon any perſon whatſoever to appear before him, and may examine him on oath, what he knows of any perſon uſing Lime in bleaching Linen-cloth or Yarn, during three months next preceding ſuch examination; and if ſuch perſon ſhall neglect or refuſe to be examined, ſuch Juſtice, &c. may commit ſuch offender to the Houſe of Correction, to be whipt and kept to hard labour for thirty days, unleſs he ſooner ſubmits to be examined as aforeſaid.

No. 97. The perſon demanding ſuch oath to be tendered to the ſervant of ſuch perſon uſing Lime as aforeſaid, firſt making oath, if required, that he believes the perſon whom he deſires to be ſo examined, knows or can diſcover ſome breach of this Act; nevertheleſs, ſuch ſervant or perſon ſhall not forfeit or be puniſhed for any matter relating to the crime for bleaching, which he ſhall on ſuch his examination diſcover.

No. 98. On proof made of the bleaching any Linen-cloth or Yarn with Lime, before any Juſtice, &c. if ſuch Linen-cloth or Yarn be concealed, ſo that it cannot be ſeized, according to the intent of 2 Anne, c. 4. then ſuch Juſtice, &c. may enquire on oath of one or more witneſſes, into the value of ſuch Cloth or Yarn, and whatever ſum he finds the ſame amount to, ſhall iſſue his warrant directed to a Conſtable, to levy ſuch ſum by diſtreſs and ſale of the offender's goods, and pay the ſum ſo to be levied, to the proſecutor.

No. 99. Any Itinerant Man or other perſon appointed by the Truſtees, Juſtice of Peace, &c. by writing under hand, may enter into any Bleach-yard, Buck-houſe, or the Appurtenances thereto belonging, at any hour of the day, and may view and ſearch all places therein, and view the leys, refuſe and dregs thereof.

No. 100. And if any Lime be found in ſuch Bleach-yard, &c. or that it appears that any Lime has been mixed with ſuch Leys, the tenant in poſſeſſion of ſuch Bleach-yard, and every perſon working in the ſaid Buck-houſe, ſhall incur the penalties inflicted on perſons uſing Lime in Bleaching.

No. 101. The Conſtable who by virtue of any warrant, ſhall ſeize ſuch Cloth or Yarn, ſhall be allowed by the proſecutor at the rate of 2s. the pound, for what he ſhall ſo ſeize and levy.

No. 102. If any Conſtable ſhall neglect or refuſe to execute ſuch warrant, he ſhall for every ſuch offence forfeit 5l.

No. 103. No Linen cloth ſhall be made or lapped up for ſale, while it is wet or damp, nor with any Chalk-duſt or Flour, under the penalty of ſuch Cloth being forfeited.

No. 104. No Flax ſhall be ſteeped or watered in any ſmall bog-hole or turf-pit, wherein any bog oak or fir, or the roots or chips thereof remain; and no Flax ſhall be ſteeped or watered in any hole or pit with ſtanding water, for two years ſucceſſively.

6 *Geo.* 1. *c.* 4.

No. 105. The additional duties granted by this Act, ſhall be paid to the Truſtees of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.

6 *Geo.* 1. *c.* 7.

No. 106. All Linen-cloth and yarn ſhall be ſold publickly in open Markets or at lawful Fairs, on the days ſuch Markets or Fairs ought to be held, or within two days next preceding ſuch Fair-day; and all Linen-yarn ſhall be ſold publickly at ſuch Markets or Fairs without doors, between eight in the morning and eight in the evening; and if any perſon ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale any ſuch Cloth or Yarn, except as aforeſaid, all ſuch Cloth and Yarn ſhall be forfeited.

No. 107. No perſon in buying or ſelling Yarn, ſhall uſe any ouncels, ſcales or weights whatſoever, under the penalty of forfeiting 1l. ſuch ouncels, ſcales and weights, to be forfeited to any perſon who ſhall ſeize the ſame, &c.

No. 108. Any Juſtice of Peace, Chief Magiſtrate, or any of the Truſtees for the Linen Manufacture, or any perſon authoriſed by them, may enter into any houſe, the doors being open, and if any Reel ſhall be there found, other than two yards and a half in circumference, the ſame ſhall be deſtroyed.

No. 109. All Thread and Boſs made of double Flaxen-yarn, ſhall be reeled on a Reel forty-four inches or more in circumference, and ſhall be divided into ſkeins, each ſkein to contain twelve threads.

No. 110. All Diaper and twilled Tapes, ſhall be made up in pieces, containing in length twelve yards or upwards in every piece.

No. 111. All fine Tapes, white or red, ſhall be made up in pieces, containing in length twenty-four yards or more in each piece.

No. 112. All Chats, Inkles, and Filleting, ſhall be made up in pieces, containing in length thirty-ſix yards in each piece; ſuch Chats ſhall contain thirteen threads in breadth; Inkles, twenty-one threads in breadth; narrow Filleting, thirty-three threads in breadth; and broad Filleting, forty-nine threads in breadth, or more.

113. All Breads, Ferreting and Shoe-lace, made of Flaxen-yarn, or of ſuch Yarn mixed with Silk or Worſted, ſhall contain in length eighteen yards or more in each piece.

No. 114. All Thread-laces, called Points, ſhall contain ſixteen threads or more in breadth.

No. 115. All white Bobbin made of ſingle Flaxen-yarn, ſhall contain twenty-four yards in length in each piece; and all Bobbin, made of double Flaxen-yarn, ſhall contain in length twelve yards in each piece.

No. 116. And if any perſon after the time aforeſaid, ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale any Thread, Tape, &c. whatſoever, not conformable to the lengths, breadths and rules aforeſaid, or if any of them be found in the poſſeſſion of any Weaver, Shopkeeper or Retailer, the ſame ſhall be forfeited.

No. 117. If any perſon in bleaching of Cloth or Yarn, ſhall uſe any Soapers dregs, or any dung except cow-dung,

ſuch perſon ſhall incur the like penalties, and ſuch Cloth and Yarn ſhall be ſubject to like forfeiture, as if the ſame was bleached with Lime.

No. 118. From the 1ſt of November, 1719, no Drawback or Debenture ſhall be allowed by any Officer of the Revenue, on account of exporting any Callicoe, Holland, foreign Sail-cloth, or Linen whatſoever out of this Kingdom.

No. 119. The Truſtees may appoint perſons to examine and meaſure every piece of Linen-cloth offered them; and if ſuch Cloth appear to be merchantable, and according to the laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture, then, and not otherwiſe, ſuch perſon appointed to be a Lapper, may lap and ſtamp or ſeal the ſame, for which ſuch Lapper may take 2d. and no more, unleſs he beetle the ſame, and then 1d. more.

No. 120. If any perſon licenſed as aforeſaid, ſhall ſeal or ſtamp any piece of Cloth not merchantable, or mark the ſame with a greater number of yards than each piece contains, ſuch offender ſhall forfeit 1l. for every piece of Cloth ſo marked.

No. 121. Any Juſtice of Peace, &c. on conviction, may levy the penalties by warrant with 1s. to the Conſtable, by diſtreſs and ſale of the offender's goods.

No. 122 If any perſon ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale, any white Linen-cloth, not marked or ſtamped as aforeſaid, the offender ſhall forfeit 1s. for each piece of Cloth ſo ſold or expoſed to ſale.

No. 123. If any perſon ſhall counterfeit the ſaid Seal or Stamp, being thereof convicted, the offender ſhall ſtand in the Pillory for two hours in the forenoon, and ſhall forfeit 50l. to the perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

No. 124. All new Sails, except what are for the uſe of the Ship, made of foreign Sail-cloth, found on board any Ship or Boat, ſhall be liable to the ſame duty as if in pieces; and if ſuch Sails ſhall be landed, or put on Board any other Ship or Boat, without having firſt paid the ſaid duty, the ſame ſhall be forfeited.

8 *Geo.* 1. *cap.* 1.

No. 125. By this Act, the ſum of 1500l. is granted to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, in order to build a proper ware-houſe, as a repoſitory for linen manufactures expoſed to ſale; and likewiſe the further ſum of 1060l. to diſcharge a debt contracted by them for the uſe of the Public, occaſioned by the deficiency of the funds formerly granted for the ſupport and encouragement of the Linen Manufacture.

10 *Geo* 1. *cap.* 1.

No. 126 By this Act, the ſum of 1500l. is granted to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, towards building a Linen-Hall, and likewiſe the further ſum of 2000l. per annum, during the ſpace of two years, to be paid to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, to encourage the raiſing ſufficient quantities of Hemp and Flax in this Kingdom.

The bounty of 2000l. per annum continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts.

10 *Geo.* 1. *c* 2.

No. 127. All Flaxen or Hempen-cloths made of High White Yarn within this Kingdom, ſhall be lapped, made, marked, ſealed and ſtamped in like manner; and on payment of the like fees, and under the ſame penalties, as well in reſpect of the Lapper who ſhall ſtamp any ſuch Flaxen or Hempen-cloths, as of the perſon who ſhall ſell, or expoſe the ſame to ſale, to be ſued for, recovered and levied, as by 6 Geo. 1. c. 7. relating to ſtamping and ſealing bleached Linen, is directed.

No. 128. If any perſon ſhall counterfeit the ſaid Seal or Stamp, being thereof convicted, he ſhall incur the ſame penalties and puniſhments as by the ſaid Act are inflicted on perſons counterfeiting the Seal or Stamp, ſet or fixed to bleached Linen-cloth.

No. 129. If any bleached Cloth ſhall be found in the poſſeſſion of any dealer, or reputed dealer in Linen-cloth, lapped but not ſealed, he in whoſe cuſtody the ſame ſhall be found, ſhall forfeit 5s. for each piece.

No. 130. No unbleached Cloths, called Green Cloths, ſhall be brought to any Market or Fair, or ſhall be ſold or expoſed to ſale, otherwiſe than in the folds, and no ways tied; if any perſon in any Market or Fair, ſhall there ſell or expoſe the ſame to ſale, he ſhall forfeit 1s. for every piece of ſuch Cloth.

No. 131. If any Bleacher of Hempen or Flaxen-cloth, or Yarn, for hire, ſhall neglect to bleach the ſame within the time, and in the manner contracted for, or ſhall wilfully commit any fraud or abuſe in bleaching the ſame, ſuch Bleacher ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit a ſum not leſs than 2l. 6s. nor more than 5l.

No. 132. The Weaver of Linen-cloth may run one coarſe thread at the end of his piece of Cloth, ſufficient to denote the number of hundreds contained in the ſaid Cloth; and near unto the ſame, one other coarſe thread ſufficient to denote the number of beers contained in the ſaid Cloth, without regard to the colour of ſuch thread.

No. 133. When any Magiſtrate ſhall condemn any Cloth to be forfeited, for not being made according to law, he ſhall cauſe ſuch Cloth to be ſevered into three equal parts.

No. 134. All Linen-weavers who ſhall have before the 25th of March, 1724, actually followed the trade of weaving Linen, ſhall be diſcharged from all penalties, on account of his not having ſerved an apprenticeſhip for five years, and not having wrought as a journeyman for two years, by 8 Ann.

No. 135. If any perſon not having ſerved as an apprentice for four years at leaſt, in the trade of Linen-weaving, ſhall from the ſaid 25th of March, 1724, ſet up for himſelf, and keep a Loom, and work at the ſame as a Weaver of Linen-cloth, ſuch perſon for ſuch offence ſhall forfeit 5l.

No. 136. No Utenſils which the Truſtees ſhall lend to any perſon, being branded with their Seal, ſhall be diſtrained on any account, or ſeized in execution, or on any meſne proceſs.

No. 137. From the 1ſt of November, 1724, during the term of three years, and from thence to the end of the next Seſſion of Parliament, all reeled Linen-yarn found in the poſſeſſion of any Spinner, Maker, or Reeler of Linen-yarn, or any perſon in truſt for him, not reeled and made up according to the directions of the Acts of Parliament for that purpoſe made, ſhall be liable to the like ſeizure, forfeiture, and condemnation, as if the ſame had been actually expoſed to ſale.

No. 138. Any perſon in Fairs and Markets, may make uſe of ſcales and weights, but not ouncels, to diſtinguiſh the ſort of Yarn reeled ſtatutably, whether the ſame be of this or that dozen to the pound.

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No. 139. If any perſon ſhall be convicted for unlawfully taking or reſcuing Linen-cloth or Yarn out of the poſſeſſion of any perſon who had ſeized the ſame for being unſtatutable, the Judges or Juſtices of Peace, after impoſing ſuch fine as they ſhall judge proper, ſhall make an order to levy the ſame by diſtreſs and ſale of the goods and chattles of the perſon ſo convicted, and if ſufficient diſtreſs cannot be found, then to apprehend the body of the perſon ſo convicted, and deliver him to the Keeper of the Houſe of Correction, there to remain for ſix months, kept to hard labour, and whipt once a week, unleſs he ſooner pays the ſum mentioned in ſuch warrant.

No. 140. The Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, or any five or more of them, may adminiſter an oath to ſuch perſon as ſhall complain unto them againſt any Itinerant Man, Hemp or Flax-man, or other perſon employed by the ſaid Truſtees, in execution of their ſaid Truſt, and may adminiſter an oath to the witneſſes on either ſide produced, in order to the making a determination upon the matter of ſuch complaint.

No. 141. The ſaid Truſtees, &c. on hearing the ſame, may impoſe a fine on ſuch perſon employed by them, not exceeding 2l. for any one offence, to the uſe of the party complaining; and if ſuch fine be not paid at the time appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, then the offender may be ſent to the Houſe of Correction, by warrant from the ſaid Truſtees, there to be kept without bail or mainprize, at hard labour, for any time not exceeding one kalendar month

No. 142. All offences againſt this act, ſhall be heard and finally determined by any Juſtice of Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, who, upon complaint, ſhall, upon examination of witneſſes on oath, determine the ſame, and iſſue his warrant by diſtreſs and ſale of the offender's goods, to levy the penalties by them incurred, which when levied, ſhall be paid to the informer, or ſuch other perſon as is entitled to the ſame, thereout deducting 1s. to be paid to the Conſtable for executing the warrant.

No. 143. The premium of 2d. for the cheaper, and 4d. for main ſail Canvas, by 2 Geo. 1. c. 13. continued.

No. 144. Any perſon who ſhall make any Sail-cloth of Iriſh Hemp, into Main-ſails or Top-ſails, for the uſe of any Ship, upon making ſuch oath as is mentioned in the ſaid Act, 2 Geo. 1. and upon a further affidavit of the Sail-maker, of his having cut and made ſuch Sail-cloth into Sails, ſhall be entitled to the premiums for Sail-cloth exported.

No. 145. At the time of pulling the Female or She-Hemp, no Male-Hemp ſhall be pulled therewith, or mixed in watering, dreſſing, or for ſale, under a penalty of 5s. per hundred weight, and ſo in proportion for any greater or leſſer quantity.

No. 146. No Hemp ſhall be watered or ſteeped in bogs or moſs-pits, but in loughs or pools, drawn from rivers or brooks; and not laid on graſs or abroad, any longer time than to dry, under the penalty of 5s. per hundred weight, and ſo in proportion.

No. 147. The Truſtees may allow a Clerk, officiating by himſelf, and not by Deputy, any further ſum of, or increaſe of ſalary, not exceeding 100l. per annum, as they ſhall think meet.

1 Geo. 2. c. 11.

No. 148. The Truſtees, or any ſeven or more of them, may conſtitute Rules and Orders for regulating and governing the Linen-Hall.

No. 149. Provided ſuch Rules and Orders ſhall have no force or effect, until they be confirmed and approved of by the Lord Chancellor, and the three Chief Judges, or any two or more of them.

No. 150. The Truſtees may appoint Officers, Factors and Servants, to attend and execute the buſineſs of ſaid Hall.

No. 151. If any Complaint be made againſt any ſuch Officer, &c. for any fraud or miſbehaviour in their office, the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, upon proof of the ſaid complaint, may impoſe ſuch fines as they ſhall judge fitting, not exceeding 20l. for every one offence; and if ſuch fine ſhall not be paid at the time limited, any perſon impowered by warrant from the ſaid Truſtees, &c. may levy the ſame by diſtreſs and ſale of the offender's goods, rendering the overplus.

No. 152. All plain Linen-cloth ſhall be in breadth, when whitened, either full half ell, or twenty-two inches and a half, or full three quarters of a yard, or full ſeven eighth parts of a yard, or full yard, or full yard and half quarter, or full yard and quarter, or full yard and half in each piece.

No. 153. All Diapers and Damaſks, when whitened, ſhall be either of one of the breadths aforeſaid, or full yard and three quarters, or full two yards, or full two yards and one quarter, or full two yards and half, or full two yards and three quarters, or full three yards, or full three yards and quarter, or full three yards and half, or full three yards and three quarters. or full four yards wide.

No. 154. All Tickens ſhall be in breadth full half yard, half ell, or three quarters of a yard, or full ſeven eighth parts of a yard, or full one yard, or full yard and half quarter, or full yard and quarter, or full yard and half, or full yard and three quarters, or full two yards wide.

No. 155. Every Lapper, in making up a piece of any of the Cloths aforeſaid, ſhall not only mark the length thereof, but ſhall alſo at each end of ſuch piece of Cloth, mark or ſtamp the breadth of the ſame; and if ſuch piece of Cloth be not fully of one of the breadths before-mentioned; the Lapper ſhall mark or ſtamp thereon the ſtatutable breadth, next under what the ſaid Cloth actually meaſures.

No. 156. No perſon ſhall begin to lay down any piece of Cloth, Diaper or Damaſk, on any place uſed for bleaching, between the 15th of Auguſt, and the 1ſt of February following, in any year; or if any Linen-cloth, &c. ſhall be found on any place uſed for bleaching, between the 2d of November, and 1ſt of February, every perſon on whoſe Bleach-yard, &c. ſuch Cloth, &c. ſhall forfeit 6d. per yard, except in caſes where the Cloth is damaged by accident or carriage.

No. 157. Every Weaver ſhall ſtamp his name in legible characters, with Oil and Lampblack, on one end of any piece of green Cloth, wove or worked by him, his journeyman, or apprentice, under penalty of 5s. for every piece of Cloth not ſo ſtamped: and any perſon who ſhall, after the time aforeſaid, expoſe to ſale any green Cloth, without ſuch Weaver's name, ſhall for every piece of ſuch Cloth forfeit 1s.

No. 158. Every Maſter Linen-weaver, ſhall have and keep in good order and repair, four ſufficient Reeds, marked with the two firſt letters of his name, to wit, one Reed for weaving therein a ten hundred Cloth, one for an eleven hundred Cloth, one for a twelve hundred Cloth, and one other for a fifteen hundred Cloth, under penalty of 5s. for every ſuch Reed as he ſhall at any time want; and every ſuch Weaver, not having ſuch four good and ſufficient

Reeds, ſhall not be exempt from pariſh duties, or ſerving on Juries

No. 159. No Maſter Linen-weaver ſhall hire or employ any Journeyman-weaver, who has not a diſcharge in writing from whom he laſt worked, or in caſe of being refuſed ſuch diſcharge, without juſt cauſe, under the hand of ſome neighbouring Juſtice of Peace, under penalty of 5l.

No. 160. No Linen-weaver ſhall employ his apprentice in huſbandry or other work, except during twenty-four days in harveſt, in every year, under the penalty therein mentioned, complaint being made within one month.

No. 161. All Linen-yarn found in the cuſtody or poſſeſſion of any Spinner, Maker, or Reeler of Linen-yarn, of any Grey Merchant or Pedlar, or any perſon in truſt for them, or for their benefit, which ſhall not be reeled or made up according to the directions of the Acts for that purpoſe made, ſhall be liable to the like ſeizures, forfeiture and condemnation, as if the ſame had been expoſed to ſale in open Market.

No. 162. That part of 6 Anne, c. 9. whereby it is enacted, that every Cut of 120 Threads, be ſubdivided into ſix Loops; and that every Loop ſhould contain 20 Threads, is hereby repealed.

No. 163. Any perſon impowered by five or more of the Truſtees, may enter into any houſe or place, where Yarn is ſold or kept for ſale, by any Grey Merchant or Pedlar; any perſon refuſing entrance, ſhall forfeit 10l.

No. 164. Every ſum forfeited by any clauſe in this Act, except the fine impoſed by the Truſtees, ſhall be paid to ſuch perſon, who ſhall firſt make complaint of the ſaid Offence.

No. 165. The like premium as is given by 10 Geo. 1. c. 2. for Sail-cloth, made of Iriſh Hemp, cut into Sails for the uſe of any ſhip, as if ſuch Sail-cloth were exported, ſhall be given and paid for all Sail-cloth, made of Iriſh Hemp, that ſhall be cut into Sails, for the uſe and reaſonable furniture of any ſloop, boat or other Veſſel.

No. 166. If any Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, ſhall wilfully neglect or refuſe to execute the Powers veſted in him, relating to the Hempen and Flaxen manufactures; with the approbation of five Truſtees, ſhall be fined in any ſum, not exceeding 100l,

No. 167. The ſeveral Clauſes in 4 Geo. 1. c. 6. as any way relate to the ſtamping of Callicoes, Linen or goods, or that impoſe any fine, penalty or forfeiture, for the not ſtamping thereof, are hereby repealed.

No. 168. The additional Duties applicable to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures continued.

7 *Geo.* 2. *c.* 10.

No. 169. Every Lapper in making up any piece of Linen-cloth, ſhall mark or ſtamp the number of inches it contains in breadth, without regard to the fractions of an inch; and if he marks ſuch piece, with a greater number of inches than it contains in breadth, he ſhall forfeit 20s. for every piece ſo marked; and every perſon ſelling, or expoſing to ſale, any ſuch Linen-cloth made in this Kingdom, not ſo marked, &c. ſhall forfeit 3s. for every piece.

No. 170. The Truſtees, or any five of them, may appoint fit perſons, to view and meaſure all green or unbleached Linen cloths, made in this Kingdom, according to the aforeſaid Laws; and to mark and ſtamp the ſame, in like manner, and under the ſame penalties, as in 6 Geo. 1. c. 7.

No. 171. Every Lapper appointed by the ſaid Act, or by this Act, ſhall for every piece of green or unbleached Linen-cloth of 20 yards or under, and ſo in proportion for a greater quantity, ſo by him marked, ſealed or ſtamped as aforeſaid, take one penny; any perſon counterfeiting any Seal or Stamp, to be ſo ſet to ſuch unbleached Cloth, ſhall on conviction, incur the ſame pains and penalties, as are inflicted by 6 Geo. 1. for counterfeiting the Seal or Stamp, for bleached Cloths.

No. 172. Any perſon who ſhall hereafter make or cauſe to be made, any Sail-cloth of Iriſh Hemp, into Mainſails or Top-ſails, for the uſe of any ſhip, upon taking the Oath, in 2 Geo. 1. c. 13. and a further Oath of his having got and made ſuch Sail-cloth into ſails, ſhall be paid the like premium for each yard, as by the ſaid Act is directed.

No. 173. All offences againſt this Act, other than counterfeiting the Seal or Stamp, to be fixed to green or unbleached Cloths, ſhall be determined by one or more Juſtices of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, within their juriſdictions.

No. 174. If any Action be commenced, for doing any thing in purſuance hereof, the perſon proſecuted may plead the General Iſſue; if acquitted, ſhall have treble Coſts.

7 *Geo.* 2. *c.* 1.

No. 175. By this Act, a ſum of 2000l. per Annum, for two years, is granted to the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, for encouraging the raiſing of ſufficient quantities of Hemp and Flax: alſo the like ſum for the like time, to the ſaid Truſtees, for the further encouragement of the ſaid manufacture, in the provinces of Leinſter, Munſter and Connaught. *Continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts.*

9 *Geo.* 2. *c.* 4.

No. 176. Truſtees may licenſe ſo many fit perſons, in ſuch places as they judge moſt convenient, to view, examine and weigh, all ſuch dreſſed Hemp, as ſhall be offered for that purpoſe; and if it appears to be good and merchantable, ſuch licenſed perſon, ſhall and may pack up and mark the ſame; for which he may demand and take any ſum to be appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, not above 6d. per hundred weight.

No. 177. If any perſon ſo licenſed, ſhall ſeal or ſtamp any package of Hemp not merchantable, or mark it with a greater weight than it contains; he ſhall forfeit 6s. for every hundred weight of Hemp ſo ſtamped.

No. 178. All ſuch Packers ſhall be ſubject to ſuch rules and orders as the ſaid Truſtees may think fit; provided they be not contrary to this Act; and the ſaid Truſtees may adminiſter to every ſuch Packer, ſuch oath as they think proper, for the faithful execution of his office.

No. 179. If any perſon after the 1ſt Auguſt, 1736, ſhall ſell or expoſe to ſale one hundred weight, or any greater quantity, of dreſſed Hemp of the growth of this Kingdom, not being packed and marked as aforeſaid, it ſhall be forfeited to the perſon ſeizing it.

No. 180. If any perſon ſhall counterfeit ſuch Seal or Stamp, he ſhall on conviction incur the penalties and puniſhments inflicted by 6 Geo. 1. c. 7. for counterfeiting the Seal or Stamp to be ſet to bleached Linens.

No. 181. No perſon ſhall be entitled to any premium for any Canvas or Sail-cloth made into ſails, or for any Canvas or Sail-cloth, except ſuch Sail cloth as ſhall be produced to the proper officer of the Cuſtom-houſe at the reſpective ports, in one entire bolt or piece of 36 Yards at leaſt, which ſhall be then cut through the middle by the

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officers before whom it is produced, who are hereby required to cut the ſame.

No. 182. The ſame premiums ſhall be given in the ſame manner, and for the ſame term of years, and under the ſame conditions and limitations, for all Canvas or Sail-cloth made or to be made in this Kingdom, of Hemp of the growth thereof, which ſhall be entered at any Cuſtom-houſe of this Kingdom, for home conſumption, as by this Act, and 2 Geo. 1. c. 13. 10 Geo. 1. c. 2. and 7 Geo. 2. c. 10. are given for Sail-cloth exported.

No. 183. If any Lapper ſhall lap or ſtamp any Linen-cloths, or any Packer of Hemp ſhall pack or ſtamp any package of Hemp, after notice that his Seals or Stamps are ordered by the ſaid Truſtees, or any five of them, to be given up, or not to be further uſed by him; ſuch Lapper or Packer, ſhall for every ſuch offence forfeit 5l. An Advertiſement for that purpoſe, publiſhed twice ſucceſſively in the Dublin Gazette, ſhall be ſufficient evidence againſt the defendant of ſuch order, and of notice thereof.

If any Lapper or Packer ſhall ſell or lend his Seals or Stamps, or ſuffer them to be uſed by any other, he ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit 5l.

No. 184. If any Weaver ſhall embezzle or convert to his own uſe, any Flaxen or Hempen Yarn, delivered to him to be woven, ſuch Weaver beſides the penalty inflicted for ſuch offence, by 2 Geo. 1. c. 13. being convicted, ſhall for the firſt offence forfeit to the party grieved, 40s. or ſuffer three months Impriſonment; and for the ſecond and every other offence, ſhall on like conviction, forfeit 3l. or ſuffer ſix months Impriſonment.

No. 185. The ſaid Truſtees, or the major part preſent, at any of their meetings, ſuch majority not being leſs than three, ſhall have the ſame powers within the County of the City of Dublin, and County of Dublin, as are given to Juſtices of Peace and Chief Magiſtrates within their juriſdictions.

No. 186. If any Bleacher of Linen-cloth, ſhall uſe or ſuffer to be uſed, by any of his ſervants or workmen, any Rubbing-boards, in waſhing or rubbing his Cloths; he ſhall for every ſuch offence, forfeit 10l. to the Informer, and the finding any ſuch Rubbing-board, in any Buck-houſe or Bleach-yard, ſhall be ſufficient evidence, that the owner of ſuch houſe or yard uſed the ſame: the party who thinks himſelf aggrieved, may appeal to the next Quarter Seſſions.

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